

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Infrastructure and Transport

Question no.: 105

Program: N/A

Division/Agency: (AMSA) Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: Five year competency

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Senator WILLIAMS asked:

The current Marine Engineer Certificate of Competency are issued for five years for a statutory fee. Due to changed regulations that come into effect from 2016, AMSA is now only issuing certificates not for five years but instead for the period remaining until 2016. Will the fee therefore be reduced pro rata?

Answer:

No, the fee of \$155.00 will not be reduced pro rata. The fee for processing all seafarer's qualifications is based upon the average time it takes Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) personnel to assess and process the application and print the certificate using agency resources. The fee is not linked to the period of validity of the certificate. Further assessment, processing and printing will be required for certificates to be issued beyond 2016 and the fee therefore remains valid. AMSA's fees and charges are set by Determination Fixing Charges, No.1 of 2011, issued under Section 47(1) of the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990*.