

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates May 2007

Transport and Regional Services

Question: MLT 01

Division/Agency: Maritime and Land Transport

Topic: Cost of Coastal Shipping Consultancy Commissioned by the Australian Maritime Group

Hansard Page: 62 (21/05/07)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—What is the report likely to cost and who will pay that?

Mr Sutton—In terms of the actual costs of the consultancy?

Senator O'BRIEN—Yes.

Mr Sutton—It was commissioned as a consultancy led by South Australia. The approximate figure is around \$120,000 or thereabouts, but I will take that on notice and get the precise figure for you.

Answer:

The total cost for the consultant was \$114,868, including GST.

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Question: MLT 02

Division/Agency: Maritime and Land Transport

Topic: Australian Maritime College (AMC)

Hansard Page: 63 (21/05/07)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—Are the figures available to advise how many Australian seafarers commenced an AMC course over the last five years in the various categories of officers, engineers, ratings, et cetera?

Mr Sutton—I do not have those figures with me, but I will take it on notice and I am sure the AMC will be happy to provide those.

Senator O'BRIEN—It would be good to know how many commenced and how many completed by officer, engineer and ratings categories.

Mr Wilson—Just as a way of reference, there are currently 740 students enrolled in the college, but we will get the details of the breakdown for those.

Senator O'BRIEN—I would appreciate that, thank you very much.

Answer:

Following are the number of domestic seafarer students that have undertaken education and training at the AMC since 2000. The numbers represent admissions and 2007 student numbers are accurate to May and will increase with the completion of the year. AMC has not been able to provide the numbers of students who have completed the courses in any specific year as many seafarers studies complete partly and return to sea, coming back later to complete the courses.

Ocean Going Certificates	2007*	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Integrated Rating	30	48	33	37	64	40	24	4
Deck Officer Cadet	13	16	14	30	24	29	30	31
Deck Watchkeeper	36	14	17	15	34	26	17	24
Master <500 Tonnes	13	10	15	1				
Master	17	28	30	20	17	22	22	28
Engineer Cadet Officer	25	36	13	7	6	5	6	6
Engineer Watchkeeper	9	8	6	8	7	3	10	9
Second Engineer			2				2	3
Chief Engineer	10	5	10	8	14	10	8	5

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Deckhand	70	109		3		9	24	4
Coxswains		15	43	34	35	78	123	161
Master Class 3	11		10	15	15	28	17	9
Master Class 4		20	18	18	19	68	40	17
Master Class 5	36	53	34	46	33	51	71	58
Engineer Class 3		20	12	1	28	25	15	9
Marine Engine Driver Class 1	11	13	11	7	18	13	16	14
Marine Engine Driver Class 2	15	43	28	41	42	45	27	20
Marine Engine Driver Class 3		15		3	2	42	70	30

* 2007 numbers are accurate to May 2007.

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Question: MLT 03

Division/Agency: Maritime and Land Transport

Topic: Vehicle Imports

Hansard Page: 64 (21/05/07)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—I think he has been to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal about the decision not to allow him to collect the motor vehicle off the wharf. How much did it cost the Department to defend that application?

Mr Robertson—I am unaware of the cost. I can provide that information for you.

Answer:

\$21,375.41 including GST.

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Question: MLT 04

Division/Agency: Maritime and Land Transport

Topic: Vehicle Test Results

Hansard Page: 65 (21/05/07)

Senator Heffernan asked:

CHAIR—May we look at something that passes the test as well?

Mr Mrdak—We can provide the Committee with some equivalent test results for small vehicles which are already on the Australian market which meet the Australian Design Rules.

Answer:

Photographs showing offset frontal crash test results from the Reva compared with tests of two other small vehicles are **attached**. The two other small vehicles have demonstrated compliance with all applicable Australian Design Rules, including the offset frontal crash test, and have been supplied to the Australian market.

[MLT 04 attachments A & B]