

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Estimates October 2006

Transport and Regional Services

Question: ATSB 01

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: ATSB Website

Hansard Page: 47 (30/10/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—My concern is that for three months in a row the ATSB *Road Deaths Australia* monthly bulletin has not been readily-available. Do you have the staffing resource necessary to keep the ATSB website up to date?

Mr Motha—Yes, I believe so.

Senator O'BRIEN—How many staff would be engaged in that task?

Mr Motha—In terms of the three months you mentioned, we will check the situation for you and get back to you.

Answer:

The monthly road deaths bulletin cannot be produced until the data are provided by each State and Territory roads authority or police agency. It normally takes 10 days to two weeks from the end of each month to obtain all the data. ATSB staff then need to check and clean the data, convert it into a common format, incorporate it into the national database, prepare the monthly publication and release it on the website. The bulletin has typically been released about three weeks from the end of the month. Release dates for the July, August and September bulletins referred to in the Senator's question were 22 August, 18 September and 20 October, respectively.

Two staff members were engaged in: collating, cleaning and compiling the data; preparing the data for automatic upload to the on-line database; and producing each monthly bulletin. One staff member was engaged in placing each monthly bulletin on the website, though the ATSB has three staff members with the capacity to undertake this task.

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Question: ATSB 02

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: Road Safety Outcome – Mr Lloyd’s Media Release

Hansard Page: 48 (30/10/06)

Senator O’Brien asked:

Senator O’BRIEN—Would those statistics have been available on 12 October?

Mr Motha—The September statistics?

Senator O’BRIEN—Yes.

Mr Motha—I will have to take those on notice.

Answer:

The September statistics had not been finalised by the ATSB, nor provided to the Minister, by 12 October.

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Question: ATSB 03

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee

Hansard Page: 49 (30/10/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—Who is on it?

Mr Motha—There are a number of motorcycling groups on it, including the Australian Motorcycle Council and various other State-based motorcycling groups.

Senator O'BRIEN—Is that information publicly-available?

Mr Motha—Yes, I can provide it to you.

Answer:

The Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee comprises representatives of: the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Australian Motorcycle Council, Motorcycle Riders' Association of Australia, NSW Motorcycle Council, Motorcycle Riders' Association Queensland, Ulysses Club, women riders, and the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

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Question: ATSB 04

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee

Hansard Page: 49 (30/10/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—Does the Committee provide minutes or formal reports to the Department?

Mr Motha—Yes. We put out an action list 48 hours after each meeting outlining the actions or the decisions that were made at the meeting, who would do them and by when. Minutes of meetings are also put out later.

Senator O'BRIEN—Can copies of those documents be provided to the Committee?

Mr Motha—Yes, we can make those available to you

Answer:

Full minutes including action items for the last three meetings of the Committee are at **attached**.

[ATSB 04 attachment]

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Question: ATSB 05

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: Lockhart River Tragedy – Investigation

Hansard Page: 51 (30/10/06)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—With regard to the ongoing investigation of flight deck security doors, I note that the issue was reported in July 2005 and that the investigation is not yet complete. How many operators have referred concerns about these doors to the ATSB?

Mr Walsh—I would need to take on notice the exact number. There were a number of operators who raised concerns. That Report is currently out as a draft for comment with the directly involved parties. The comment period closes in a few days time, so the Report will progress from there.

Answer:

Four airline operators have referred their concerns about flight deck security doors to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.