

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

DIPL Administrative Arrangements Order Changes

Questions:

- 1. Recent changes to the Administrative Arrangements Order have seen the removal of Shipping industry and Aviation industry from DIPL. Can you please advise why they have been removed and have they been transferred to another agency?**

Aviation Industry

On 22 October 2020, Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 4) 2020 removed the 'Aviation industry' reference to more accurately represent the distribution of administrative responsibilities for air services in the Territory, between the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade.

Responsibility for 'Regional air services development' remained with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade maintained responsibility for 'Domestic and international air services'.

The overarching term 'Aviation industry' was removed as coverage of relevant air services sectors are specified between the relevant departments.

Shipping Industry

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is a statutory authority established under the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990* (Cth) to regulate marine safety of domestic commercial shipping in Australian waters. The powers, role and functions of AMSA expanded through the establishment of the national regulatory system for domestic commercial vessels. The transition to the new national regulatory system was completed in approximately 2018.

As AMSA has primary responsibility for regulating the shipping industry in Australian waters the Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 4) 2020 removed the specific reference to the 'Shipping industry'.

The current Administrative Arrangements Order retain both 'Maritime industry' and 'Ports development' as responsibilities of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

2. Recent changes to the Administrative Arrangements Order have seen any reference to rail safety disappear. Can you please advise why this has been removed and who now looks after rail safety in the NT?

The Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator has responsibility for regulatory oversight of rail safety in every Australian state and territory. The Northern Territory enacted the *Rail Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2012*, which applies the Rail Safety National Law, including the powers, role and functions of the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator within the Territory.

Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 4) 2020 replaced “Transport safety (marine, rail and road)” with “Road safety” and “Recreational boating safety”. The removal of the rail safety reference recognises the primary responsibility of the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator to oversight rail safety.

The current Administrative Arrangements Order retains ‘Rail industry’ as the responsibility of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.