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Hi s. 22(1)(a) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hey s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for sending these ones through. From an OSB perspective I think they can be dealt with fairly quickly.

1928 – The entire premise of the questions is fishing so the answer to the first question, which is No, then negates all the remaining questions.

In November, it was reported that the ABF vessel Ocean Shield arrived in Broome with four boats visible on the deck. According to the ABC, multiple sources alleged that the boats are part of a program where Commonwealth agencies give modified fishing boats to return people found fishing illegally in Australian waters.
1. Is it the case that the ABF is giving illegal fishing crews boats to return home in? NO
If YES:

1929 – Due to the wording of the first two questions I think they will need to be answered by CMSB. I note that OSB are working on a PII claim in relation to OSB usage of s. 47E(d) **but I don't know if the intention would be to extend this also to purchase – albeit I think we've (the royal we) answered some QoN previously about purchase so possibly not.**
Q3 – the boats are not purchased for training – they are incidentally used for training purposes when available.
Q5 -7 will be for MBC to answer in relation to illegal foreign fishing.

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According to the ABC, the ABF has purchased fishing boats from across Australia for the past two years via an agency. Is this the case?
If YES:
1. Which agency or agencies? If more than one agency, please provide a breakdown of the expenditure on boats from these agencies for the last 3 financial years, and this financial year to date, by agency.
2. Were these purchases subject to a tender process?
3. Is it the case that these boats are also purchased for training in Australia's northern seas? NO
4. If YES, what proportion of these boats are used for that purpose?
5. How many illegal fishing boats have been intercepted since May 2022? MBC?
6. How many of these interceptions resulted in a boat being provided to the illegal fishing crew by the ABF? None
7. When the ABF intercepts a vessel and intends to destroy it, how does the destruction occur? Burning in accordance with Sea Dumping Permit issued by DCCEEW or destruction through onshore facilities

s. 47E(d)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) **– grateful your thoughts.**

Cheers, s. 22(1)(a

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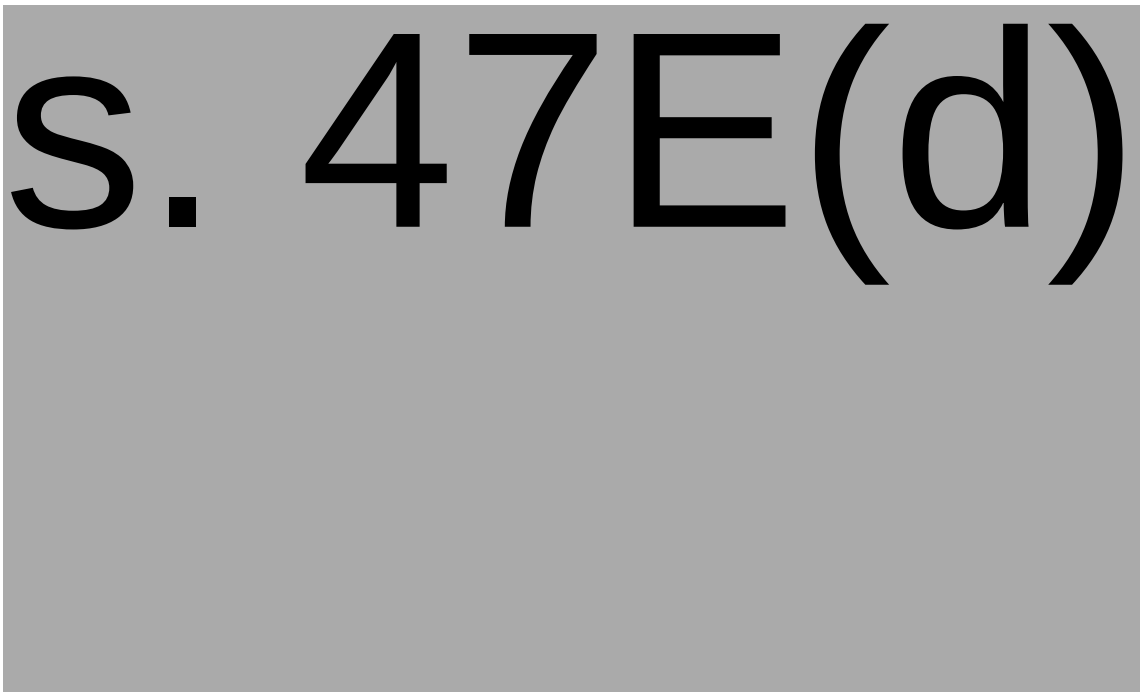


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Wonderful, thanks for the fast response Pete.

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

We have previously released financial data on part of Question 2.

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ANSWER
Q2 b. In financial year 2024-25, the ABF spent $7.824 million (GST Inclusive) on acquisition of support vessels.

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[ABF Commissioner Gavan Reynolds provided this answer in Senate Estimates at the previous hearing]

NOT PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ANSWER
Q2 a
Q2 c
Q2 d

The data with respect to Q6. regarding interdicted foreign fishing vessels or other operational matters will need to be confirmed by MBC.

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