

Our ref: A415016

Dr Lorraine Abernethie
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Economics and Industry Standing Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Dr Abernethie

Re: Transcript of Evidence

Thank you for the draft transcript of oral evidence given by representatives of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) before the Economics and Industry Standing Committee on 7 April 2015.

Attached is an annotated transcript with consolidated input from each of the NOPSEMA representatives who appeared before the Committee.

Two questions were taken on notice, responses are provided as follows:

Question No. 1 (transcript page 12)

Mr P.C TINLEY: Could you give me a quantum of those fees? What would somebody like a drilling operator pay?

Answer

The operator of a drilling rig facility operating for a full year would ordinarily be liable for levies totalling \$323k. Each additional drilling rig operated by the same operator for the full year would ordinarily incur a further, lower levy of \$210k.

The levies are imposed by the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003* and *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2004*. NOPSEMA has published guidance on its website on the matter of levies.

(<http://www.nopsema.gov.au/about/cost-recovery-and-levies/>)

Question No. 2 (transcript page 14)

The CHAIR: Perhaps if you could give us a brief outline of prosecutions and penalties that would be useful.

Answer

- 2007 – Coogee Resources (Jabiru Venture FPSO) – Prosecution resulting in a fine of \$180,000

- 2010 – PTTEP Australasia Pty Ltd (Montara Wellhead Platform) – Prosecution resulting in fines totalling \$510,000
- 2011 – Technip Oceania Pty Ltd (Venturer dive vessel) – Prosecution resulting in a fine of \$70,000
- 2011 – Hammelmann Australia Pty Ltd (deemed manufacturer of plant involved in an accident) – Brief of Evidence with the CDPP
- 2012 – Stena Drilling (Australia) Pty Ltd (Stena Clyde MODU) – Brief of Evidence with the CDPP

Supplementary Information:

I confirm that NOPSEMA was notified of the Atwood Osprey incident involving tropical cyclone Olwyn by Atwood Australian Waters Drilling Pty Ltd on Friday 13 March 2015 at 10:35am WST.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to appear before the Committee. I hope the evidence provided proves helpful to the Committee and please do not hesitate to contact me if you believe NOPSEMA can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chief Executive Officer

14 April 2015