

The Office of Transport Security

The Office of Transport Security (OTS) helps to improve the security of Australia's transport system and reduce the likelihood of transport being a target for terrorism.¹

The OTS functions within the Federal Department for Infrastructure and Transport. The Department of Infrastructure and Transport provides policy advice to the Australian Government on transport security matters and is responsible for the development of a National Transport Security Strategy.

Role of the OTS

The OTS develops initiatives in consultation with industry and federal and state governments to strengthen Australia's transport security. Recent initiatives are:

- Developing national threat and risk assessment strategies for transport security
- Developing a Transport Industry Assurance Advisory Group as part of the Trusted Information Sharing Network for Critical Infrastructure Resilience
- Providing advice on international transport security developments and implications for Australian Government policies and practices.

You can find more information on the role of the OTS in their 2007-2010:

http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/pdf/OTS_Strategic_Plan_2007-2010.pdf

What role does the OTS play if an incident does occur?

The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport directs an inquiry if there is a major transport or offshore security incident, or if a pattern or series of incidents point to a systemic failure or possible weakness in the system. The Office of the Inspector of Transport Security conducts the inquiry.²

What type of incident will result in an inquiry?

A transport security incident is investigated if it involves serious breaches of regulatory obligations by regulated parties, if there are security related events leading to death, or if there is a major event or a pattern of events pointing to serious security vulnerabilities.³

¹ <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/>

² <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/index.aspx>

³ <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/oits/index.aspx>

Further information

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<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/contact.aspx>