

POLICY FORMULATION, DECISION, LEGAL, AND INFORMATION

Question 1. What is the statutory or administrative authority for this program?

Answer 1. Authority for this program activity emanates from the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

Question 2. A brief and concise statement, not in excess of two typewritten pages, of output the Government receives as the result of expenditures in tax funds listed on the fact sheet for that particular program.

Answer 2. The output of the decision, legal, and information activity includes a broad range of materials, such as approved Safety Board documents, legal decisions, opinions, orders, and other legal documents, such as contracts, comments on legislation, proposed and final rules, etc., prepared by the Office of General Counsel; and press releases, speeches, articles, and other public affairs material prepared and released by the Office of Public Affairs.

Specific quantification and measurement of end products for this activity is difficult; however, the following is offered as examples of the approximate number of major end products that will be produced in fiscal year 1968:

The five-member Safety Board will hear, review, and approve approximately 120 major end products, including accident reports, procedural documents, rules, appeals, and so forth. In addition, they will be required to make numerous speeches, participate in Safety Board hearings, and conduct a broad range of duties commensurate with the station of Presidential appointees.

It is estimated that the Office of General Counsel (four attorneys) will prepare and execute approximately 47 opinions and orders; will review approximately 14 initial accident reports, and will prepare approximately 225 associated major legal type end products.

The Office of Public Affairs will write and release approximately 100 major speeches, press releases and other related documents, and provide public information support to the Safety Board at all public hearings and at major aircraft sites. In addition, they will respond to many requests for information and perform other public affairs activities.

Question 3. What is the name and title of the official having direct operating responsibility over the program?

Answer 3. Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.