

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** RV Southern Surveyor

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** BI-104

*RV Southern Surveyor* - \$120m over four years starting in 2009-10 has been pledged for the replacement of Australia's Marine National Facility, the *RV Southern Surveyor* – operated by the CSIRO.

- Is the \$120m new funding?
- Is the replacement of a deep water research vessel part of capital replacement?
- Does replacement of vehicles, vessels, aircraft normally come from capital replacement funding?

**ANSWER**

Yes

Yes

The definition of matters qualifying for capital replacement is made by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. All questions related to this should be referred to that Department.