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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E188_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

Refers to DEST Question No E790_03

You state in your answer to E790 that delays in finalising the project were due to the need to complete sea trials. You say that *“the alternative of going to sea prematurely without all new and modified systems thoroughly tested and exercised was judged to be an unacceptable risk.”* Do you still say that all the new and modified equipment was thoroughly tested and exercised?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor - refurbishment

All the new and modified equipment was tested and exercised sufficiently to meet known requirements for their use during the initial voyages.