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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E197_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

Refers to DEST Question No E802_03

- (a) You also referred to approval for 80 additional days of research time funded by three agencies.
- This document shows only 30 such charter days- is that the GeoScience Swath Map charter in March-April next year?
- (b) Where are the other 50 days that you have already told us had been approved?
- (c) What is the status of the CSIRO charter commitment that you referred to in E802?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor – time at sea

- (a) An “in-principle commitment to fund an additional 80 days” does not mean 80 days have been approved.
- Yes, the 30 days shown are an approved interagency research charter to Geoscience Australia in March-April 2004.
- (b) The other 50 days have not yet been allocated or approved. Those days are available to the consortium of CSIRO, Geoscience Australia and the National Oceans Office.
- (c) A commitment to jointly charter Southern Surveyor for up to 80 days per annum has been confirmed by CSIRO, Geoscience Australia and the National Oceans Office.