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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

It is clear that the number of days in port have grown dramatically.

- (a) How much of this additional port time is due to maintenance problems, or is due to lack of funds?
- (b) For example, how much of the 35 day lay over in Darwin in July-August this year is due to equipment repairs?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor – time at sea

- (a) None, this is a normal port period for the National Facility Research Vessel. The number of days in port for 2003-04 (176) is nine less than usual (185).
- (b) The 35 day port period in Darwin was scheduled for normal crew rotation and routine maintenance, not for equipment repairs.