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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E184_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

SOUTHERN SURVEYOR: SAFETY

This really raises the questions about the condition of this vessel that have been raised previously.

On how many occasions has CSIRO's attention been drawn to this problem?

Please provide copies of master's, chief engineers' and marine surveyor's reports that address this issue?

Please also provide copies of all reports, correspondence or recommendations relating to this issue from all CSIRO staff in Hobart who had management responsibility for this vessel over the past three years.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor - Safety

The *Southern Surveyor* has occasionally experienced different, intermittent smells. These have been the result of various causes from the prevailing wind inducing sewerage gases into the vessel's accommodation, through to blocked pipes.

This particular problem was first reported in mid-March shortly after the vessel experienced heavy weather associated with cyclone Ingrid between 9-12 March 2005. The problem arose from a blocked vent which was located and repaired as soon as possible. It has not been an ongoing issue over the past three years as implied by the question.

Copies of the documents requested have been provided in hard copy:

ATTACHMENT A - Copies of master's, chief engineer's and marine surveyor's reports that address this issue.

ATTACHMENT B - Copies of correspondence or recommendations relating to this issue from CSIRO staff in Hobart with management responsibility for the *Southern Surveyor*.