

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E185_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

SOUTHERN SURVEYOR: SAFETY

(a) Tell me about the episode in Brisbane last December and January. Can you confirm that a marine surveyor refused to allow the Southern Surveyor to undertake anything more than sea trials until remedial work was done on the sewerage tanks?

(b) What work was done?

(c) At what cost?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor - Safety

(a) There was no 'episode' in Brisbane last December/January. A marine surveyor did not refuse to allow the vessel to go to sea for anything other than a sea trial. Scheduled, routine maintenance was undertaken on the vessel's sewerage holding tanks in December. This maintenance was not complete when two days of scheduled sea-trials to test the newly installed sub-bottom profiler and auto-pilot were due. The holding-tank maintenance was completed in January following the vessel's return to Brisbane.

(b) See the answer to question E186_06 for a summary of the work undertaken.

(c) The approximate cost of the maintenance undertaken was \$77,000.