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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome CSIRO

DEST Question No. E018_08

Senator Carol Brown asked in writing on 30 May 2007.

Question:

Can you confirm whether there was an unexpected incident on the vessel in early April 2007, which required immediate attention and repairs?

If so, what was the nature of the incident and the repairs required?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor

Yes, on 18 April 2007 while on passage to Hobart in heavy beam seas, a valve block mount connecting a hydraulic pipe to the forward steering ram failed. Temporary repairs were made at sea and the vessel recommenced its voyage to Hobart.

Permanent repairs, including a thorough inspection of similar valve block mounts, were undertaken from 22-29 April in Hobart.