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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Carol Brown asked on 30 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 54.

Question:

Senator Carol Brown – I understand that early in April this year there was a problem with the *Southern Surveyor* in that a pipe burst and ruptured the hull of the vessel. Is that correct?

Dr Morton – I am not aware of the incident, so we might have to take any questions about that on notice.

Senator Carol Brown – I understand that it was quite a serious problem. I also understand that the vessel was tied up at its berth down in Hobart and that, if it had not been tied up, the problem was so serious that the ship would have sunk. You do not know anything about this incident at all?

Dr Morton – I have no briefing material on this, no.

Dr Garrett – We will make some inquiries about that and come back to you after the break.

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor

A pipe did not burst aboard the *Southern Surveyor* in April 2007 and rupture the hull.