

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 35

Senator MacDonald asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:

Please provide information on where over the last 12 months the *Oceanic Viking* has been.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Apart from the mission to monitor the whaling activity, in 2007 the *Oceanic Viking* undertook four patrols to the Southern Ocean with a total patrol period of 177 days. The areas patrolled in the Southern ocean during these patrols included:

- The Heard and McDonald Islands Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ)
- CCAMLR Areas including Banzarre Bank and Elan Bank
- The Kerguelen Island EEZ
- Crozet island EEZ
- Amsterdam Island EEZ

In addition, three patrols were conducted around the Australian mainland exclusive economic zone combining a total of 77 patrol days.

The *Oceanic Viking* was also deployed in Sydney during APEC for 13 days.