

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

**Question No. 16**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

**Senator BRANDIS:** So the maintenance of all of the [Cape Class] vessels, over seven years, you expect to cost the government about \$42 million?

**Mr Perry:** No, \$8 million per year for the—

**Senator BRANDIS:** \$8 million per year? I am sorry.

**Mr Perry:** I would prefer to get back to you with a confirmed figure on that, but that is the ballpark figure.

**Senator BRANDIS:** Please take that on notice to confirm the figures, but your evidence is that there is a component in the \$350 million towards maintenance which is approximately \$36 million?

**Mr Perry:** Correct.

**Senator BRANDIS:** On top of that, the fleet will cost about \$8 million a year over the next seven years? So it is about \$90 million all told for the maintenance over seven years.

**Mr Perry:** Over that seven-year period, correct.

**Senator BRANDIS:** And that is it? There are no other components?

**Mr Perry:** No, that is just the maintenance costs. But, as I said, I will take that on notice.

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

The current estimate for *Cape* Class maintenance costs is \$90m over 7 years. This estimate may change depending on inflationary factors.