

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 102

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:

Vessels *Oceanic Viking* and *Triton*:

- a) How many sea days is each vessel utilised per year?
- b) What is the number of scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance days for each vessel?

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

Oceanic Viking:

- a) The Portfolio Budget Statement performance measure for 2006-07 is 200 patrol days for Southern Ocean surveillance. The *Oceanic Viking* was utilised for 262 patrol days in total, being 199 Southern Ocean days and 63 days on operations in northern waters.
- b) There are 60 scheduled maintenance days allowed for in the contract with P&O Maritime Services Pty Ltd. There were no non-scheduled maintenance days during 2006-07.

ACV Triton:

- a) As advised in the response to Question on Notice 62 asked at the Senate Estimates hearing held on 13 February 2007, Customs set a target of 111 operational days for 2006-07. The *Triton* achieved 103 patrol days.
- b) There are 60 scheduled maintenance days allowed for in the contract with Gardline Australia Pty Ltd, crossing over two financial years. Up until 30 June 2007 there were 28 scheduled maintenance days and 7 non-scheduled maintenance days.