

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 92

Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

Can you detail how the Department has used the evidence that was collected by the Oceanic Viking during its monitoring of the Japanese Whaling fleet? Has this evidence been shared with any other countries?

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

The evidence has been analysed by the Australian Government with a view to its possible use in legal proceedings. The premature release of the details of that analysis would not assist in the conduct of legal proceedings should a decision be made to take such proceedings.

Other than the images that were released on 7 February 2008, the evidence has not been shared with any other country.