

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

Question No. 72

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:

Provide a percentage relating to the number of foreign fishing vessels that are apprehended.

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

For the period July 2008 to May 2009 Border Protection Command responded to 319 incidents of suspected illegal foreign fishing vessel offences (90% response rate). No illegal activity was detected in 237 cases. Of the vessels found to be in breach of the fishing laws, 56% were warned (46 cases), 33% were apprehended (27 cases), 10% resulted in legislative forfeiture (8 cases) and 1% was unable to be boarded due to weather (1 case).