

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

Question No. 38

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

Please provide a map which details areas that are low risk for maritime people smuggling and areas that the Government is no longer providing surveillance?

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

The areas that are assessed as low risk for Irregular Maritime Arrivals are depicted by maroon shading in the image below. Conversely, the areas shaded green are high risk areas for Irregular Maritime Arrivals.

Border Protection Command, using a range of assets from Customs and Border Protection and the Australian Defence Force, has the capability to undertake risk-based surveillance for all of the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (including the areas shaded in maroon and the Southern Ocean), with a focus on key areas such as the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

