

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

**Question No. 35**

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

After the close of tender, please provide the government's estimate of the cost of the replacement of the vessels with the eight Cape class vessels.

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

Further to the earlier answer provided to this question, the cost was subject to contract negotiations. The overall cost is estimated to be approximately \$350 million, exclusive of GST.