

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Question No.:** AMSA 01

**Division/Agency:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Topic:** AMSA Dedicated SAR Aircraft Radars

**Hansard Page:** 82 (20/10/09)

**Senator Johnston asked:**

**Senator JOHNSTON**—Could you take on notice how long it was that each of the aircraft were without their search radar and when search radars were installed in all aircraft?

**Answer:**

Aero Rescue contracts were signed on 2 November 2004 (Darwin) and 16 December 2005 (Perth/Cairns/Brisbane/Melbourne).

Radar was installed and implemented on each aircraft at the commencement of their service dates. Weather radar mode has been available from service commencement dates, enabling the aircraft to operate in all but the most extreme weather conditions.

However, the radar search mode of some aircraft has been affected by stability issues.

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Date</u>
VH-PPG	5 October 2005
VH-PPF	18 March 2009
VH-PPV	12 July 2009
VH-PPJ	19 January 2009
VH-PPQ	25 May 2009

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**Question No.:** AMSA 02

**Division/Agency:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Topic:** AMSA Dedicated SAR Aircraft in Brisbane

**Hansard Page:** 82 (20/10/09)

**Senator Johnston asked:**

**Senator JOHNSTON**—When will we be expected to see the Brisbane station manned?

**Mr Young**—It will be some time, I think, in the second quarter next year, but I would like to be able to confirm that.

**Senator JOHNSTON**—Take it on notice

**Answer:**

The Brisbane base has been continually staffed from its operational date.

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**Question No.:** AMSA 03

**Division/Agency:** Australian Maritime Safety Authority

**Topic:** AMSA Dedicated SAR Aircraft Airworthiness

**Hansard Page:** 82 (20/10/09)

**Senator Johnston asked:**

**Senator JOHNSTON**—So they have not informed you of the issue of that direction notice by an airworthiness inspector, Mr Neil William Stallard? They have not informed you of that?

**Mr Young**—I am not aware of it, Senator, but I can take the question on notice if you wish.

**Senator JOHNSTON**—Okay.

**Answer:**

AeroRescue informed AMSA of the CASA Direction and provided a copy of the Direction on 6 October 2009.