

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Operating Costs for Cape Class - Navy vs Australian Border Force
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Senator: Feeney

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Question:

Mr FEENEY: With respect to statutory operations, can you tell us what the cost is for operating a Cape Class with a Navy crew as opposed to operating a Cape Class with an ABF crew?

Vice Adm. Barrett: I cannot tell you readily because we have not drawn a comparison of that, but the ability to find those figures is within our abilities—

Mr FEENEY: If we can perhaps get that on notice?

Vice Adm. Barrett: I can take that on notice.

Answer:

The cost of operating a Cape Class with Navy crew as opposed to operating a Cape Class with an Australian Border Force crew is as follows:

Cape Class Crewing Cost

| | Navy \$ million | ABF \$ million |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Crewing cost per Boat per Annum | 5.990 | 5.946 |

Notes:

1. Navy crewing cost is based on average of \$0.143 million Per Capita with 21 persons per crew for a total of four crews rotating across the two Cape Class.
2. Navy crewing cost includes salaries, superannuation, allowances and travel as part of the conditions of service.
3. Australian Border Force crewing cost is based on average of \$0.162 million Per Capita with 21 persons per crew for a total of 14 crews rotating across eight boats, noting that ABF advice is that their crew numbers vary between 18 and 21.
4. Australian Border Force crewing cost Per Capita includes salaries, superannuation, travel and overtime.