

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AIMS

TOPIC: Research vessels

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-118

1. What research vessels does AIMS own/operate?
2. Where is each research vessel based?
3. What is the age of each research vessel?

ANSWER

1. AIMS operates two large research vessels: RV Cape Ferguson and RV Solander, and four small / towable vessels: RV Apollo, RV Aquarius, RV Capricornus and RV Pisces.
2. RV Cape Ferguson, RV Aquarius and RV Apollo are based in Townsville
RV Solander, RV Pisces and RV Capricornus are based in Darwin
3. RV Cape Ferguson is 17 years old (built 2000)
RV Solander is 10 years old (built 2007)
RV Apollo is 12 years old (built 2005)
RV Aquarius is 3 years old (built 2014)
RV Capricornus is 10 years old (built 2007)
RV Pisces is 18 years old (built 1999)