

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/036) - ABF Vessels - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 92) asked:

CHAIR: Yes. Well, it is now. It was not eight years ago, as I mentioned—not to make too fine a point on that. Okay. That has clarified that for me. But could you, on notice—whoever this is relevant to—just give me a sheet, a page with what vessels you have and what their sizes are and what they are used for?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I am very happy to do that.




Ms Newton: A nice picture which actually has photos of the boats.




CHAIR: Well, that would be easier for me, for my simple mind, to understand what we are talking about.





Answer:

Please see attached.

Australian Border Force Operational Fleet Composition


Vessel	Size	Operational Use
	110.9m	<p>The Australian Border Force Cutter Ocean Shield is a multi-role ship that can respond to a wide range of maritime security threats. ABFC Ocean Shield undertakes patrols in northern waters and the Southern Ocean.</p> <p>Southern Ocean patrols are Australia's commitment to intercepting vessels and apprehending people suspected of illegally fishing in the ecologically fragile sub-Antarctic waters.</p>
	106m	<p>The Australian Defence Vessel Ocean Protector is a multi-role ship that can respond to a wide range of maritime security threats. ADV Ocean Protector is operated by the ADF with enforcement operations provided by the ABF. ADV Ocean Protector undertakes patrols in northern waters and is capable of patrols in the Southern Ocean.</p>
	40m	<p>The Australian Border Force Cutter Thaiyak is stationed on a near-permanent basis at the Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve and Cartier Island Marine Reserves. Thaiyak provides enforcement operations and assists with environmental management on a near continuous basis at Ashmore Reef.</p>

		57.8m	<p>The Australian Border Force Cutter Cape Class play a significant role in border security by maintaining a presence around Australia's coastline and responding to reported or suspected border incidents and illegal activity.</p> <p>The Cape Class patrol boats operate to the full extent of the Australian 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), other than in the deep Southern Ocean, and the capacity to conduct operations in all environments in which the Australian Border Force now operates and will be required to operate in the future.</p>
		38.2m	<p>The Australian Border Force Cutter Bay Class play a significant role in border security by maintaining a presence around Australia's coastline and responding to reported or suspected border incidents and illegal activity.</p> <p>The Bay Class patrol boats operate to the full extent of the Australian 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), other than in the deep Southern Ocean.</p>
		11.99m	<p>The River Class Vessels (CRV) vessels are primarily intended to provide on-water capability for ABF Officers to exercise their statutory powers within 30 nm of the coast of Australia. This may include transporting evidence materials, detained personnel and their effects.</p>

		5.59m	The Tactical Response Vessels (TRV) are trailerable and allocated to various ABF Regional Commands around the country to provide a quick on-water response for inland waterways.
		7.3m	The Gemini Rigid Hull vessels are generally used for port harbour patrolling. The Gemini vessel is capable of Boarding Vessels At Sea (BVAS) while underway. The Gemini is used for BVAS operations where boarding operations need to occur before the ship enters port.
		7.5m	The Norsafe Magnum 750 vessels are primarily use as 'Ship's Tender' for ABFC Thaiyak and crew training vessels for ongoing training requirements for the ABF Marine Crew.
		8.5m	The Norsafe Magnum 850 vessels are used as 'Ship's Tender' for the ocean-going fleet such as Ocean Protector and Ocean Shield. The Norsafe Magnum 850 is also used as a training platform for ABF Crew and as a tactical vessel when required.



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		6.4m	The Wiltrading 640 Pursuit vessels are used as 'Ship's Tender' for the ABFC Bay Class ocean-going fleet. They are used as a training platform for ABF Crew and as well as a tactical vessel when required.
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