

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—COMMITTEES

Senate Additional Estimates

Q46: Armidale-class fleet

Senator Ian MacDonald asked in writing on 25 February 2013:

- a. Where are the Royal Australian Navy's Armidale-Class vessels currently home ported?
- b. At what location/base is maintenance on the Armidale-class fleet conducted?
- c. How many sea days did the Armidale-class fleet deliver in 2011/12?
- d. How many sea days are budgeted/expected for the Armidale-class fleet in 2012/13?

Response:

(a): The Royal Australian Navy's Armidale-class vessels are currently home ported in Darwin (10) and Cairns (4).

(b): The primary locations/bases at which maintenance is conducted on the Armidale Fleet are Darwin and Cairns. However, maintenance has also been undertaken at Henderson in Western Australia, Brisbane and Sydney. There might also be occasions where operational defects occur which require repair close to where the Armidale-class is operating; for example Christmas Island and Singapore.

(c): The number of sea days delivered by the Armidale-class fleet in (FY) 2011–12 was 2448 days.

(d): The number of sea days that are budgeted/expected for the Armidale-class fleet in (FY) 2012–13 is 3200.