

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 93

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

If the ACBPS vessels *Triton* and *Ashmore Guardian* were not occupied with boat arrivals off Northern Australia, would a vessel be deployed to monitor Japanese whalers?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

ACV *Triton* and ACV *Ashmore Guardian* cannot be sent to monitor Japanese whalers in the Southern Ocean because neither vessel is designed, equipped or capable of operating in the Southern Ocean.