

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

Question No. 39

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

What is the extent and coverage of the aerial surveillance of the northern waters for the past 12 months?

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

For the period 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010 surveillance flights over Australia's northern waters by both Customs and Border Protection and Defence assets assigned to the civil maritime surveillance program covered approximately 109 million square nautical miles.