

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0406) PROGRAMME – ACBPS

Senator Whish-Wilson (Written) asked:

What and how many IUU activities have other National Government's informed us about IUU in our Southern Ocean territorial waters or EEZs for each of the past 5 financial years?

Answer:

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service is aware of no instances in the last 5 financial years where sightings of Illegal Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing vessels were reported by Foreign Governments in the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surrounding Heard Island & McDonald Islands (HIMI) in the Southern Ocean.

Five sightings were reported in the Australian EEZ adjacent to the Australian Antarctic Territory to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which Australia is a member. These reports were made by third parties including the European Union, the Republic of Korea and New Zealand.

Sightings in the Australian EEZ adjacent to the Australian Antarctic Territory

Financial Year	2013-14*	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
Number of reports received	0	0	3	0	2

*To 19 November 2013

The reports identified the activities that the vessels were observed to be undertaking. These included the hauling of fishing gear and ceasing when approached by another vessel; vessels undertaking fishing activities; and vessels hastily departing the area when contacted to determine their intentions.