

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2002—2003; February 2003

Answers to questions on notice from Department of Defence

QUESTION W1

Gulf deployment—personnel

SENATOR: Evans

HANSARD: Written question

How many ADF personnel were deployed in the Gulf region as at 1 March 2003?

RESPONSE

At 1 March 2003, there are approximately 2,000 ADF personnel in the Gulf region.

QUESTION W3

Service and support of Gulf Forces

SENATOR: Evans

HANSARD: Written question

- a) In terms of the forces deployed to the Gulf, will they be entirely maintained and serviced by ADF personnel?
- b) Will the ADF be relying on civilian personnel in the Gulf to service and support the deployment of those troops? If so, what functions will those civilian personnel be carrying out? (eg. maintenance of aircraft, servicing/repair of communication equipment)

RESPONSE

- a) No. ADF forces in the Gulf will also be supported by coalition partners, host nation contractors and regional contractors.
- b) Yes. Host nation contractors and regional contractors will provide support for domestic services and minor repairs to non-specialist military equipment.

QUESTION W43

SIEV-X

SENATOR: Collins

HANSARD: Written question

In relation to the vessel known as SIEV-X:

- a) Please detail the nature of the RAN investigations into the owner of SIEV-X.
- b) Please provide details, including any photographs, of the fishing boats that were identified by the P-3C Orions on the morning of 20 October 2001 (in particular, the boats that were identified at 0752, 0759, 0814 and 0819).

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RESPONSE

- a) There were no RAN investigations into the owner of SIEV-X.
- b) The purpose of the Operation Relex surveillance flights is to locate suspected illegal entry vessels. Consequently, contacts are investigated only to the extent necessary to ascertain whether or not they could be such a vessel. When legitimate fishing vessels are found, their type, location, time, direction and speed are simply noted and no additional effort or time is spent on more detailed investigation. The time and location of confirmed fishing vessels have already been provided in graphical form to the Senate Select Committee into a Certain Maritime Incident.

The table below provides all the information that exists on these fishing vessels. Digital photographs are taken to assist in the identification process. They are deleted once it is ascertained that the vessel is not a suspected illegal entry vessel and, therefore, no longer of interest. Consequently, there are no photographs of these fishing vessels.

Contacts in the morning of 20 October 2001

Local Time	Type ⁽¹⁾	Location	Direction ⁽²⁾	Speed (knots)
0752	III	0725S 10415E	060	4
0759	III	0702S 10432E	150	5
0803	III	0647S 10424E	270	5
0814	III	0714S 10450E	160	5
0819	III	0735S 10443E	180	4
1018	III	0831S 10837E	340	3
1020	III	0830S 10844E	234	4
1021 ⁽³⁾	III	0832S 10846E	023	5
1022	III	0831S 10850E	060	4
1023	III	0830S 10854E	213	4
1035	III	0850S 10817E	090	4
1037	III	0848S 10807E	080	5
1039	III	0851S 10803E	240	5
1040	III	0851S 10758E	046	4
1042	III	0849S 10752E	112	6
1043	III	0852S 10747E	090	5
1044	III	0852S 10741E	340	4
1046	III	0843S 10741E	090	4

Notes:

1. Type III vessels are motorised wooden fishing vessels.
2. Directions are in degrees true.
3. Two boats, one being towed.