

Col. Day—Not necessarily; it would depend on who had the information and how significant it was at the time. It is quite possible that a departure of another vessel would first come to the attention of, say, Air Vice Marshal Titheridge and he may on occasions phone or personally see the CDF to inform him himself, so it would not necessarily come through the office.

Senator BARTLETT—Were any reports provided in relation to the vessel—I cannot remember the date it sank; I think it was about 19 or 20 October—that sank off Indonesia and that had a significant number of drownings?

Col. Day—Which vessel are you referring to?

Senator BARTLETT—It is the one that sank, before it got intercepted, fairly soon after departing Indonesia and that had some hundreds of people drowning. You are not aware of that?

Col. Day—I think I know what you are referring to. If you are asking if we knew the vessel had left and was headed for Australia, I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BARTLETT—That would be handy, and if you could look at what types of reports et cetera were provided after it sank and where they came from.

CHAIR—As no-one is seeking the call to ask further questions, we thank you, Colonel Day.

Proceedings suspended from 11.00 a.m. to 11.22 a.m.