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Dear Mr Hehir

As part of the Australian National Audit Office's (ANAO) report on the *Cape Class Patrol Boat In-Service Support Arrangements* performance audit, the ANAO reported the number of vessel patrol days achieved by the ABF in 2017-18 financial year as 2,036.

The ANAO drew the figure from the Department's 2017/18 Annual Report, which did not include a caveat (included in previous annual reports) indicating the figure excluded *Ocean Shield* and *Thaiyak* patrol days. The correct number of vessel patrol days achieved by the ABF including *Ocean Shield* and *Thaiyak* for the 2017-18 financial year is 2,668 days. The Department's 2017/18 Annual Report is being corrected through the standard process to note the relevant caveat

I would be grateful if you could consider this information and publish this letter on your website to accurately reflect the number of vessel patrol days achieved by the ABF for the 2017-18 financial year.

Yours sincerely

**Mark Brown**  
Chief Audit Executive

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