

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/050) - Customs Brokers - Programme 1.1 Border Management (ACBPS)**

Senator Leyonhjelm, David (L&CA 91) asked:

Senator LEYONHJELM: I am changing the subject again. Is the number of licensed customs brokers going up or down?

Senator LEYONHJELM: What about over the last decade; has it increased or decreased?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will have to take that on notice, unless one of my colleagues in the room can answer that question.

Senator LEYONHJELM: How many customs brokers did you licence in the last year?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I do not have that statistic.

Senator LEYONHJELM: Can you take that one on notice?

Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes

*Answer:*

There has been a small overall increase in the number of licensed customs brokers since 2005/06. In 2005/06, there were 2,317 licenced customs brokers, compared to 2,343 licensed customs brokers in 2013/14.

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service issued 58 new customs broker licences in the 2014 calendar year.