

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/024) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Singh (L&CA 85) asked:

Senator SINGH: I have a question on the custom depot licence inspections. How many inspections of custom depot licence holders have ACBPS officers conducted over the last six months?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I might take that one on notice.

Senator SINGH: You cannot tell me what kinds of actions have been taken as result of those inspections?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I do not have that information before me. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The table below provides data on Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) compliance checks on Customs licensed depot premises for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014.

	Interventions*	Premises	Physical Visits	Lines Checked	Breaches Identified
Depot	1 952	377	1 244	13 178	4 907

*An intervention is any ACBPS compliance activity conducted either at the physical location of the depot or in connection with those premises. This often includes checks on multiple lines of cargo and the identification of multiple breaches of legislation or licence conditions.

To provide a more detailed breakdown for the previous six month period would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Where ACBPS detects non-compliance, it has a variety of treatment options. These range from education and warnings, administrative action such as suspension and revocation of licences and the application of infringement notices, through to prosecution or referral to other agencies.