

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/029) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Singh (L&CA 90) asked:

Senator SINGH: How many infringement notices have been issued by the ACPBS over the past 12 months? Also, do you have a breakdown of offences, of the number of infringement notices issued?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will take that on notice, unless very helpfully some staff come up with some more material, which they have just done in relation to your question on undeclared cash. Let me go back and finalise my response to that. Year-to-date, in relation to undeclared cash detections, there have been 330 detections to a total value of \$9,662,171. Compared to the previous years, in 2012-13 there were 308 detections for the full year for a sum of \$7.6 million, and for the 2011-12 financial year there were 279 detections for a total sum of \$5.4 million. You will note from those figures that the figures are substantially up this financial year, year-to-date. Again, that is to 31 March.

Answer:

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of ACBPS issued infringement notices against the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth) by offence types for the period 1 June 2013 – 31 May 2014.

Offence	Description	Infringement Notices Served
Issued by Compliance Assurance Branch		
Offence 33(6)	A person directs or permits another person to move, alter or interfere with goods subject to Customs control without authority	281
Offence 243T(1)	False or misleading statements resulting in a loss of duty	58
Offence 77R(1)	Breach of conditions of depot licence	28
Offence 33(3)	Employee moves, alters or interferes with goods subject to Customs control without authority	19
Offence 243U(1)	False or misleading statements not resulting in a loss of duty	19
Offence 36(6)	Failure to account for goods	15

Offence 113	Failure to enter goods, or keep goods safely for export	6
Offence 64(13)	Failure to meet reporting requirements for the impending arrival of a ship or aircraft	4
Offence 114E(1)	Delivering goods to a wharf or airport for export without authority	4
Offence 64AB(10)	Failure to meet reporting requirements for the report of cargo	2
Offence 243V(1)	False or misleading statements in a cargo report or outturn report	2
Offence 36(2)	Failure to keep goods safely	1
Offence 233(1)(b)	A person imports any prohibited imports	27
Offence 234A(1)	Unauthorised entry to places and on ships, aircraft or wharves.	1
Total		467