

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/206) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many prosecutions have taken place since the ban on the importation of asbestos was introduced ten years ago?

*Answer:*

Of the five attempted prosecutions for importing asbestos, two have been successful and are detailed below:

- In 2008, Alcan pleaded guilty to seven charges for importing equipment containing asbestos in breach of section 233(1)(b) of the *Customs Act 1901*. The Court fined Alcan \$70 000 and awarded the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service with \$20 000 in costs.
- In 2012, the court found an international engineering company, Clyde Bergemann Senior Thermal Pty Ltd (CBST) guilty of two counts of importing prohibited imports, namely chrysotile asbestos contrary to section 233(1)(b) of the *Customs Act 1901*. The Court fined CBST \$64 000 including costs.