

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/218) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many claims for returns of seized goods in accordance of section 205B of the customs act 1901 have been made over the past 12 months?

- a. Please provide details of any claims including the dates the claims were made, descriptions of the items claimed and the value of the individual claims.
- b. How many infringement notices have been issued by the ACBPS over the past 12 months? Provide an offences breakdown of the numbers of infringement notices issued

Answer:

Between 1 June 2013 and 31 May 2014 there were 1,243 claims for return of seized goods made in accordance with section 205B of the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth).

- a. The attached document shows the date each claim was received and a description of the seized goods. The value of the seized goods is not recorded in the system used to record the claims received.
- b. The table below provides a breakdown of the number of 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	19

	not resulting in a loss of duty	
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