

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**TREASURY**

**Australian Taxation Office**

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**Question**                    **AET 151**

**Topic:**                    **Oil tanker entering Australia - duties and charges**

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Senator **Sherry** asked:

.....At a previous estimates hearing there was some discussion of a tanker carrying oil that entered Australia. Do you recall that, Mr D'Ascenzo?

*Mr D'Ascenzo—Vaguely.*

**Senator SHERRY**—Is there provision for the return of taxes paid in light of an importation which is deemed to be illegal?

*Mr Jackson—I recall the issue. We did look into that issue and that has been resolved. There is no need for any such action, but I would have to check on that. Did you have a particular tax, duties or charges in mind?*

**Senator SHERRY**—Yes, duties and charges.

*Mr D'Ascenzo—I will have to check on that.*

**Senator SHERRY**—So that matter has been resolved?

**Mr Jackson**—I guess it is close to matters of particular business operators, and I would rather not comment on them, but I have looked into the matter.

**Answer:**

The ATO has examined this issue, however, consistent with the long standing practice not to discuss the affairs of individual taxpayers, the Commissioner will not advise the outcome.