

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 79**

**Senator Bartlett asked the following questions at the hearing on 17 February, 2004.**

For the Naval Patrol, under Customs and Border Patrol, Department of Customs:

The number of minors, under the age of 18 and unaccompanied by a parent, apprehended by naval or customs authorities between, 1999-2002, broken down by;

(i) Financial year, (ii) Gender, (iii) Age at apprehension, (iv) Nationality, (v) Port of entry, (vi) Case outcome (immediate removal, transfer of custody to DIMIA, release to relative, etc.)

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Question on Notice number 58 of the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio incorporates the statistics sought in this question. Question on Notice number 58 is currently subject to an interim response due to the complexity of the data requested. It would be appreciated if the response to this question is referenced from the response to question 58 when the substantive reply is finalised.