SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 105

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

What is the average time taken for CMR transactions as at:
a) October 2005
b) November 2005
c) December 2005
d) January 2006
e) What was the average time for COMPILE transactions in the same time periods?

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

a) to d) The average EDI transactions times for CMR are as follows:

Month	*Average*
Oct-05	7 minutes 51 seconds
Nov-05	4 minutes 30 seconds
Dec-05	1 minutes 36 seconds
Jan-06	3 minutes 49 seconds

Please note that the transactions times are end to end – that is from the receipt by Customs of the initial business message to sending the associated message response from the external CMR gateway.

e) The average processing times for COMPILE for the period Oct 2005 to 3 Feb 2006 was 6 minutes.