

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 109**

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

What are the hours of operation, number of shifts, target average x-ray throughput (in terms of containers per hour and per week) and actual x-ray throughput (in terms of containers per hour and per week) for each Container Examination Facility?

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

For Container Examination Facility (CEFs) hours of operation see answer to Question On Notice 98 from 17 February 2006.

Number of shifts:

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Fremantle facilities operate two shifts Monday to Friday and one shift on Saturday. Adelaide operates one shift from Monday to Friday.

The CEFs have annual throughput targets. Customs does not record the average number of containers inspected per hour or week.

For throughput targets and actuals see answer to Question on Notice 98 from 17 February 2006.