

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 132**

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

Why has there been a fall in the number of drug detector dog teams in operation from 45 teams in 2003-04 to 25 teams in 2004-05?

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

As advised in successive Australian Customs Service Annual Reports, Customs had 35 operational Detector Dog Teams as at 30 June 2004, with a further six in training. As at 30 June 2005, there were 45 operational teams deployed throughout the country.