

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 100

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

What did the AQIS profiles that were turned off cover?

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

On 12 October at 14:15, approximately 1300 AQIS profiles targeting Air Cargo reports were removed. These were reinstated between 2030 and 2230 on the same day. The large majority of these profiles targeted air cargo reports carrying the Self Assessed Clearance Indicator (declaring that the total consignment was valued at less than \$1000). The subject profiles generally target goods descriptions of interest to AQIS, including: animals, animal products, plants, seeds, foodstuffs, wooden articles, and used goods.

During this period all profiles targeting commercial goods - i.e. those in consignments valued at more than \$1000, remained in operation.

Customs subsequently provided AQIS manual cargo reports to enable AQIS to address consignments of potential quarantine concern.