

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 90**

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

- a. For the years 2005-06, please indicate, not including those employed in policy functions, the number of Full-Time Equivalent positions assigned to the following areas:
- i) The screening, holding and clearance of air cargo (not including the Torres Strait);
  - ii) The screening, holding and clearance of sea cargo (not including the Torres Strait);
  - iii) The screening and clearance of persons arriving in Australia by air (not including the Torres Strait);
  - iv) The screening and clearance of persons arriving in Australia by sea (not including the Torres Strait);
  - v) The screening, holding and clearance of post arriving in Australia;
  - vi) Coastwatch;
  - vii) The development of technology or programs designed to augment, replace or assist any of the above functions.
- b. For each of the categories in (a.), please indicate:
- i) The breakdown of APS classifications for those personnel;
  - ii) The total wages cost of all personnel under that category;

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

The answers to questions a) i) to iv) and b) i) to ii) were derived from Customs Activity Based Costing framework. Through this system employees time is allocated to a range of activities associated with Customs operations. Not all activities in Customs Activity Based Costing framework align directly with those outlined in the question however a best match of the Customs activities to the question has been applied where necessary. Employee costs include salaries, allowances, superannuation and accrued expenses.

- i) In 2005-06 the screening, holding and clearance of air cargo (not including the Torres Strait):

	FTE
Customs Trainees	7.3
Customs Level 1	105.6
Customs Level 2	105.9
Customs Level 3	28.6
Customs Level 4	4.5
Customs Level 5	1.1
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>253.0</u>
Total Employee Costs	\$22.48m

The FTE figure provided above includes 44.5 FTE relating to the activity of entry checking and clearance activities through both air and sea. The 44.5 FTE has been derived by apportioning the total FTE recorded against this activity based on the number of Air Entry declarations processed against the total number of declarations processed.

- ii) In 2005-06 the screening, holding and clearance of sea cargo (not including the Torres Strait):

	FTE
Customs Trainees	11.4
Customs Level 1	239.9
Customs Level 2	147.3
Customs Level 3	52.4
Customs Level 4	9.9
Customs Level 5	2.0
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>462.9</u>
 Total Employee Costs	 \$39.50m

The FTE figure provided above includes 37.8 FTE relating to the activity of entry checking and clearance activities through both air and sea. The 37.8 FTE has been derived by apportioning the total FTE recorded against this activity based on the number of Sea Entry declarations processed against the total number of declarations processed.

- iii) In 2005-06 the screening and clearance of persons arriving in Australia by air (not including the Torres Strait):

	FTE
Customs Trainees	69.3
Customs Level 1	897.5
Customs Level 2	131.5
Customs Level 3	33.6
Customs Level 4	6.0
Customs Level 5	1.7
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>1139.6</u>
 Total Employee Costs	 \$97.35m

- iv) In 2005-06 the screening and clearance of persons arriving in Australia by sea (not including the Torres Strait):

	FTE
Customs Trainees	3.8
Customs Level 1	11.1
Customs Level 2	8.4
Customs Level 3	3.1
Customs Level 4	0.4
Customs Level 5	0.1
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>26.9</u>

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Total Employee Costs	\$2.26m
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v) In 2005-06 the screening, holding and clearance of post arriving in Australia:

	FTE
Customs Trainees	0.6
Customs Level 1	77.9
Customs Level 2	36.2
Customs Level 3	9.5
Customs Level 4	2.0
Customs Level 5	0.5
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>126.7</u>

Total Employee Costs	\$11.08m
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vi) In 2005-06 Coastwatch:

	FTE
Customs Level 1	1.7
Customs Level 2	21.5
Customs Level 3	29.8
Customs Level 4	14.2
Customs Level 5	5.2
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>72.4</u>

Total Employee Costs	\$6.80m
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vii) In 2005-06 the development of technology or programs designed to augment, replace or assist any of the above functions:

	FTE
Customs Level 1	3.8
Customs Level 2	9.7
Customs Level 3	29.5
Customs Level 4	20.9
Customs Level 5	10.1
<i>Total FTE</i>	<u>74.1</u>

Total Employee Costs	\$6.35m
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