

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

**Question No. 149**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

**Senator HUMPHRIES:** Can you tell us from which countries these [performance or image enhancing] drugs are principally being imported?

**Mr Pezzullo:** If there is anything I can add, I will need to come back to the committee. I have got the aggregate levels of seizures that we have detected both in terms of steroids and hormones. Some of that is described in the ACC report. Whether I can give you a country breakdown, I will have to have a look at that and see if there is anything I can usefully provide to the committee.

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

During 2012 Customs and Border Protection made 10,480 detections of Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs (PIEDs). The top four embarkation points for these detections were the USA, China, Thailand and Hong Kong which accounted for 81% of total detections. The top 10 embarkation points as shown in the table below, accounted for 91% of total detections for 2012.

**Table 1: PIED Detections in 2012 by Country of embarkation  
(Top 10 countries)**

<b>Country of embarkation</b>	<b>Number of Detections</b>
USA	3256
China	1893
Thailand	1720
Hong Kong	1639
United Kingdom	400
Canada	243
India	160
Turkey	104
Bulgaria	94
Moldova	87