

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

**Question No. 71**

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

In relation to anti-dumping:

- a) What was the total in remuneration and benefits paid to Mr Brumby for his work on the recent anti-dumping review?
- b) On 4 December 2012, the Prime Minister and Ministers Clare and Combet announced that a further \$24.4 million had been earmarked for the administration of Australia's anti-dumping system.

From where was that increase in funding sourced? Was it from a reallocation of funding earmarked for other programs (and, if so, which ones) or is it new spending that is not being directly offset?

- c) Assuming the relevant Bill is passed, by what date does the Government expect that the Australian Anti-Dumping Commission will be operational?
- d) How many staff are currently employed in the International Trade Remedies Branch? Of these, how many does the Government expect will relocate to Melbourne to work in the Anti-Dumping Commission upon its establishment?

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

- a) The Attorney-General's Department has advised that Mr Brumby received \$66,000 in remuneration. Mr Brumby also received \$13,236.75 as reimbursement for expenses.
- b) No existing functions of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service have been cut to offset the funding for Australia's anti-dumping system announced by the Government on 4 December 2012. Off-sets will be provided by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.
- c) The Anti-Dumping Commission commenced operations on 1 July 2013.
- d) As at 4 March 2013, there are 43 staff members in the International Trade Remedies Branch. Of those, seven have indicated an interest in relocating to Melbourne to work in the Anti-Dumping Commission. Approximately 25 new positions in Melbourne will be advertised during 2013. The Anti-Dumping Commission will have staff located in both Melbourne and Canberra.