SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 94

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

In relation to forfeited alcohol, has the amount been increasing?

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

The amount of alcohol withheld as a result of passengers electing not to pay the applicable duty and tax, has increased.

It is anticipated that the levels of detained alcohol will decrease with public awareness of the conditions relating to the concession regime.