

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

**Question No. 70**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:**

Can the Committee be provided with a copy of the report, or an executive summary, resulting from the contract with Ernst & Young for assessment and analysis of the replacement in relation to the ACV project?

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

Ernst & Young were engaged on advice from the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DOFD) to conduct a review of the Public Private Partnership Suitability Assessment that has been prepared by Customs and Border Protection. The review compared the Assessment's findings against DOFD policy and guidance for the use of a Public Private Partnership as a procurement mechanism.

The executive summary of the Ernst & Young review is attached.