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

Question No. 73

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

Provide details as to in which states and/or territories the staff cut of 220 will take effect.

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

The Average Staffing Levels (ASL) reported in the Australian Customs and Border Protection Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) are estimated averages over the respective financial years. Financial modelling to derive the 2009-10 estimate is based on divisional (functionally) based information not regional.

Customs and Border Protection will manage the staffing levels through natural attrition and a workforce readjustment program. Overall it is expected that staffing levels in NSW, Qld, Vic and WA will be affected.