

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

**Question No. 78**

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

Has Customs received advice from the Classification Board regarding distributors who have been unwilling to respond to the call for the publications to be referred to the Board for classification?

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

Customs and Border Protection has not received advice from the Classification Board specifically regarding distributors who have (or have not) responded to call in notices issued by the Director requiring publications to be submitted to the Board for classification.

Customs and Border Protection has received information from the Classification Operations Branch (COB) of the Attorney-General's Department about entities that wholesale and/or distribute imported adult publications that COB suspect might be classified RC (Refused Classification). This information is being considered to determine its relevance to Customs and Border Protection's identification of imports and exports that might contain objectionable material, that is, goods that would be refused classification. These entities may not necessarily be the same entities that originally imported the goods.