

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 187

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

- a) How many full-time Customs personnel are employed in the Profiling and Alerts Section of Customs?
- b) At what APS levels are these personnel employed? Is this expected to change in the near future?
- c) How many part-time Customs personnel are employed in the Profiling and Alerts Section of Customs?
- d) At what APS levels are these personnel employed?
- e) Is this expected to change in the near future?

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

- a) 129
- b)

	Full time	Part time
Customs Level 5 <i>APS Executive Level 2 Equivalent</i>	1	
Customs Level 4 <i>APS Executive Level 1 Equivalent</i>	7	
Customs Level 3 <i>APS Level 6 Equivalent</i>	35	
Customs Level 2 <i>APS Level 4-5 Equivalent</i>	81	5
Customs Level 1 <i>APS Level 1-3 Equivalent</i>	5	1

There is no indication that these figures will change significantly in the near future.

- c) 6
- d) See answer to (b)
- e) See answer to (b)

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In relation to business imports:

- a) what is the longest duration customs have held over imported materials that are later deemed to be safe for import?
- b) Are these holdovers stored in a safe customs facility at the point of entry or wharf?
- c) If not, where are they held?

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

- a) Normally a maximum of 120 days. Beyond this period goods are detained until court related action is finalised
- b) and c) Depending on nature of goods and associated risk level, goods can be stored in a Customs secure facility, specialised secure facilities or for low risk goods in Customs controlled depots or warehouses.

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Does ACS inspect suspect imports at any other venue other than a customs approved facility?

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

Yes, the Australian Custom Service (Customs) does inspect importations at other than Customs places to ensure compliance with various Commonwealth legislation. Examples of other places where Customs conducts examinations include at the owner's premises where the movement of the imported goods has been approved under section 71E of the *Customs Act 1901*, or at premises that require specialist assistance such as an Australian Government Analytical Laboratory (AGAL) chemist. However, the majority of Customs examinations are carried out at Customs places.