

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 186**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:**

- a) When and how was the decision taken to abandon the cutover date and continue with COMPILE?
- b) Who made the final decision?

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

- a) No decision was taken to abandon the cut-over date. The agreed date of 12 October 2005 was retained for ICS implementation. A contingency arrangement for continuation of COMPILE for import declaration was also implemented.
- b) Customs made the decision to extend the use of COMPILE in response to representations from industry prior to cut over.