

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 193

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

For the period 12 October 2005 to 31 October 2005, specify;

- a) how many sea import cargo clearances were granted for each day
- b) the average length of processing time for cargo clearances each day
- c) how many were performed through COMPILE
- d) how many were performed through ICS
- e) how many were performed through CCF
- f) how many were performed manually
- g) how many staff were engaged in processing cargo clearances each day

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

- a) See table below.
- b) See table below.
- c) 18, 435 sea import clearances were performed through COMPILE during this period.
- d) The following table contains the processing numbers for ICS EDI messages and elapsed time between the required payment for goods being received into the Customs system to the time the associated clearance message (informing the client of the clearance of the cargo) leaves Customs. Self-assessed air cargo reports are not included in these figures.

Date	No. of sea import cargo clearances granted	Average length of processing for sea import cargo clearances
12-Oct-05	83	5 hours 12 minutes 7 seconds
13-Oct-05	264	3 hours 5 minutes 58 seconds
14-Oct-05	539	4 hours 40 seconds
15-Oct-05	190	5 hours 38 minutes 45 seconds
16-Oct-05	191	1 hour 53 minutes 16 seconds
17-Oct-05	1,090	3 hours 31 minutes 25 seconds
18-Oct-05	1,685	2 hours 48 minutes 52 seconds
19-Oct-05	2,238	6 hours 22 minutes 40 seconds
20-Oct-05	2,189	5 hours 37 minutes 25 seconds
21-Oct-05	3,028	6 hours 1 minutes 13 seconds
22-Oct-05	2,172	1 hour 32 minutes 38 seconds
23-Oct-05	4,250	1 hour 53 minutes 17 seconds
24-Oct-05	5,462	3 hours 22 minutes 36 seconds
25-Oct-05	5,564	4 hours 16 minutes 29 seconds
26-Oct-05	7,216	4 hours 29 minutes 42 seconds
27-Oct-05	4,068	7 hours 47 minutes 59 seconds
28-Oct-05	10,992	3 hours 43 minutes 18 seconds
29-Oct-05	1,640	2 hours 2 minutes 26 seconds
30-Oct-05	1,040	8 hours 50 minutes 58 seconds
31-Oct-05	6,890	1 hour 57 minutes 32 seconds

- e) All sea import clearances that were granted through the ICS were communicated through the CCF Gateway.
- f) During this period, manual clearances were performed by Customs officers in all states and territories as requested and required. Collation of these requests has not yet been undertaken and it is not possible to provide this statistic.
- g) It is not possible to determine how many individuals were involved in the processing of air import declarations during this period.