

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 194**

**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 air import under bond movement authorities were granted for each day
- b) the average length of processing time for under bond movement authorities 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 under bond movement authorities

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

- a) See table below.
- b) See table below.
- c) COMPILE does contain functionality for processing under-bond movement authorities.
- d) The following table contains the processing numbers for ICS EDI messages and the time between the receiving of the under bond report into Customs to the time the associated response message (informing the client that the under bond movement authority had been granted) leaves Customs.

<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of air import under bond movement authorities granted</b>	<b>Average length of processing for air import under bond movement authorities</b>
12-Oct-05	691	2 minutes 46 seconds
13-Oct-05	1,158	13 seconds
14-Oct-05	1,281	48 seconds
15-Oct-05	892	36 seconds
16-Oct-05	1,261	44 seconds
17-Oct-05	2,051	1 minute 28 seconds
18-Oct-05	1,825	1 minute 5 seconds
19-Oct-05	1,562	20 seconds
20-Oct-05	1,499	43 seconds
21-Oct-05	1,622	2 minutes 11 seconds
22-Oct-05	1,161	10 seconds
23-Oct-05	1,404	11 seconds
24-Oct-05	2,051	2 minutes 41 seconds
25-Oct-05	1,916	1 minute 9 seconds
26-Oct-05	1,703	1 minute 59 seconds
27-Oct-05	1,615	27 seconds
28-Oct-05	1,629	1 minute 8 seconds
29-Oct-05	1,163	12 seconds
30-Oct-05	1,412	10 seconds
31-Oct-05	2,451	10 seconds

- e) All air under bond movement authorities that were granted through the ICS were communicated through the CCF Gateway.
- f) During this period, manual authorities 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 under-bond movement authorities during this period.