

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 91

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

International Crew Arrivals and Departures:

Can you explain the discrepancy in the figures provided on page 33, figure 6 of the Annual Report?

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

The discrepancy is primarily the result of the practice of repatriation and positioning of air and sea crew. Foreign crew may arrive as passengers and then depart as crew, or vice versa, and in the case of large military vessels this can involve a significant number of crew.

In addition, the arrival or departure of Australian resident crew either side of the 30 June "cut off" will create a discrepancy between arrival and departure statistics.