

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 36

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

Regarding tobacco seizures, please provide the tonnage per seizure, number of cigarettes and cost to revenue avoided be disaggregated for the months of May, June, July, August and September 2010.

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

The following table provides information in regards to detections of tobacco and cigarettes in the sea cargo environment, between May 2010 and September 2010. The sea cargo environment accounts for approximately 99 per cent of duty evaded.

Item \ Month	May 2010	June 2010	July 2010	August 2010	September 2010
Number of detections	3	4	3	4	6
Tobacco (Kg)	10,286	7,400	4,550	38,781	49,285
Cigarettes (sticks)	0	3,200,000	300,000	0	15,180,000
Duty Evaded	\$4,214,277	\$4,080,654	\$1,962,506	\$16,388,294	\$25,480,952