

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

Question No. 40

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2011:

Senator BRANDIS: Have any border protection officials take stress leave or had stress related illnesses over the past 12 months and, if so, how many?

Ms Grant: We would need to take that on notice.

Senator BRANDIS: That is fine. Have any customs staff stationed on Christmas Island take stress leave or had stress related illnesses and, if so, how many?

Ms Grant: Likewise, we would need to take that on notice.

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

Data extracted from the Comcare Customer Information System in October 2011, identifies seven accepted claims in relation to mental stress in the past 12 months for Customs and Border Protection employees, none of which are for officers based at Christmas Island.