

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

**Question No. 78**

**Senator Brandis asked the following question after the hearing of 24 May 2012:**

What number of staff were employed by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service under Outcome 1, programs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 during:

- (a) 2006-07,
- (b) 2007-08,
- (c) 2008-09,
- (d) 2009-10,
- (e) 2010-11, and
- (f) 2011-12?

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

- (a) - (f)

The table below provides details of Full Time Equivalent staff (FTE) by program for the period 2007-08 to 2011-12. Results for 2011-12 financial year are based on actual FTE to the end of February 2012 and forecast FTE for the remaining months of the 2011-12 year. 2006-07 information was not available.

FTE Outcome 1	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Program 1.1 – Passenger Facilitation	1684	1745	1690	1684	1631
Program 1.2 – Trade Facilitation	1464	1382	1301	1228	1197
Program 1.3 – Border Protection and Enforcement <sup>^</sup>	1545	1533	1487	1426	1428
Program 1.4 – Civil Maritime Surveillance and Response	560	538	551	577	582
Program 1.5 – Border related revenue collection	493	481	460	403	387
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5746</b>	<b>5679</b>	<b>5490</b>	<b>5317</b>	<b>5225</b>

Note: FTE are “fully costed” to attribute staff who provide support activities to programs. Programs 1.1 and 1.4 use a modified FTE when fully costing because they require a lower level of corporate overhead. Programs 1.2, 1.3 and 1.5 receive a higher share of FTE providing corporate support when fully costing the results.

<sup>^</sup> The decrease in FTE across the financial years is largely a result of funding reductions resulting from the First Port Boarding and Illegal Foreign Fishing measures. In addition, the cumulative effects of efficiency dividends and payrises have led to an overall downward trend in FTE across the organisation. Over this period efficiencies were focussed, wherever possible, toward non front-line activities within Programs.