

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

Question No. 63

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 26th May 2011:

In relation to the nine Acting Officers of Customs on Christmas Island. Can you provide details of their role and their salary band?

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

There are nine (9) Acting Officer's of Customs (AOCs) employed on Christmas Island. The primary duties of the AOCs engaged on Christmas Island include:

- Passenger processing duties at Christmas Island International Airport, inclusive of passenger interviews; baggage searches; personal searches and administrative procedures
- Vessel and sea traveller processing and intervention activities and where necessary vessel searches
- Irregular Maritime Arrival reception and processing
- Operation and maintenance of the Customs and Border Protection small vessels located at Christmas Island (currently only one AOC has the necessary marine qualifications to undertake this role).

The AOCs are engaged as casual employees (note the term 'part-time' was used during the hearing on 26 May 2011). Their package of remuneration as a casual employee is as follows:

- Fortnightly retainer of \$89.32.
- Hourly rate for hours worked of \$53.73 per hour.