

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

**Question No. 64**

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

Regarding media management, what is the total number of staff employed in the media and communications unit within Customs?

Can you provide a breakdown of their salary bands?

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

As at 31 May 2011, there were 24.3 FTE employed within the Communications and Media Unit which operates on a 24 hour basis and provides support for the organisation across all States and Territories. There are a further 3 staff on leave without pay.

The communication and media function within Customs and Border Protection includes two separate sections – the Communication Section, and the Media Section. Both sections are part of the Corporate Governance and International Strategy Branch.

The breakdown of the staff currently employed in the Communications and Media Unit by salary band is as follows:

<b>Communications and Media Unit - FTE Staff Levels</b>		
<b>As At 31 May 2011</b>		
<b>Pay Classification Level*</b>	<b>Rates of Pay</b>	<b>FTE</b>
	<b>\$</b>	
Customs Level 2	\$57,273 to \$67,287	4.8
Customs Level 3	\$67,287 to \$ 80,335	10.7
Customs Level 4	\$86,895 to \$100,584	6.8
Customs Level 5	\$100,584 to \$ 132,246	2.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>24.3</b>

\* Salaries are as per current Enterprise Agreement relating to the 2010-11 financial year.

Of the 24.3 staff in the Communications and Media Unit, eight are employed within the 24 hour, 7 day per week Media Team.