

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

Question No. 69

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

Senator BARNETT: I have got one final question. How many staff are currently employed in the Trade Measures Branch; what were the total staffing numbers in the branch for each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010; and can you provide a breakdown of the numbers at each staffing level for each of those years?

Mr Mann: I think we do have a question on notice from the inquiry to that, but I can briefly say that at the beginning of this financial year, 2010-11, the funded level was 29 FTE. We currently have 33 staff. I would like to take on notice the remainder of your questions. I would like to add, though, that we have budgeted to increase that staffing level to 45 in the coming year.

Senator BARNETT: Forty-five staff or 45 FTEs?

Mr Mann: We are recruiting up to 45 staff.

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

For the financial year ended 30 June 2008, the Average Staffing Level (ASL) within the Trade Measures Branch throughout 2007-08 was 39.2.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2009, the ASL within the Trade Measures Branch throughout 2008-09 was 34.2.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2010, the ASL within the Trade Measures Branch throughout 2009-10 was 31.4.

As at 31 May 2011, the yearly ASL was 30.7. The actual paid FTE as at 31 May 2011 was 32.1.

Data relating to staffing numbers from 2007-08 are exclusive of those staff who were on Leave Without Pay (LWOP). By contrast, staffing numbers recorded for periods prior to 2007-08 includes data relating to staff that were on LWOP and therefore this data cannot be directly compared to data collected and reported from 2007-08 onwards.

The number of staff employed in the Trade Measures Branch at each classification is detailed in the Table below:

Average Yearly FTE (ASL)						FTE as at 31 May 2011
Classification Level*	Rates of Pay \$	2007-08	2008- 09	2009-10	2010-11	
Customs Level 1	\$45,651 to \$ 57,273	2.2	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
Customs Level 2	\$57,273 to \$67,287	3.2	3.1	9.3	1.6	2.0
Customs Level 3	\$67,287 to \$ 80,335	9.8	9.0	9.3	8.5	8.0
Customs Level 4	\$86,895 to \$100,584	17.5	14.7	14.0	12.9	13.6
Customs Level 5	\$100,584 to \$ 132,246	5.4	4.9	4.1	5.2	6.0
SES Band 1	\$130,300 to \$176,800	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
Total		39.2	34.2	31.4	30.7	32.1

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