

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

Question No. 173

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

1. Has Customs undertaken sampling testing of imported fur clothing in the past two years?
 - a) How many tests were conducted?
 - b) Can you provide a copy of those test results?
2. Has Customs obtained copies of testing of fur clothing from importers suspected of importing dog and cat fur clothing?
 - a) In how many instances has this occurred?
 - b) Can you provide a copy of the test results?

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

(1) Yes.

(a) One. Documentary checks have also been undertaken.

(b) Yes, the report from Australian Wildlife Forensic Services is attached.

(2) Yes.

(a) Two.

(b) The report from National Centre for Forensic Studies is attached. A second report was supplied as Commercial-In-Confidence and the owner of the report has not authorised disclosure.