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

Question No. 32

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

How many acting officers of Customs employed part time are on Christmas Island? What is their role and function?

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

There are currently nine (9) Acting Officers of Customs (AOCs) employed on a part-time basis on Christmas Island.

The AOCs complete a range of duties including assisting with:

- Office administration;
- Operating the Customs small vessel located on the island;
- Passenger processing at Christmas Island airport; and
- Processing of Potential Illegal Immigrants.