

**OFF TERMINAL CLEARANCES**

**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Australian Border Force  
Budget Estimates – April 2019**

On 15 March 2019 the Senator for Western Australia, Louise Pratt sent a letter to the Department of Home Affairs asking that the Department be prepared to provide details about Off Terminal Clearances (OTCs) provided by the Australian Border Force at Australian airports for private, non-commercial, jet arrivals.

In particular, will ask the following questions:

- The number of OTCs performed by ABF officers for each of the past five financial years
- The airports at which OTCs are performed by ABF officers
- Any costs for a private/non-commercial jet arrival associated with an OTC
- The revenue collected and costs associated with OTCs for each of the past five financial years
- The costings (including revenue and costs associated) with OTCs over the forward estimates.

**Question 1: The number of OTCs performed by ABF officers for each of the past five financial years**

- The ABF has provided a number border clearance services at a location other than an international airport<sup>1</sup> for private, non-commercial, jet arrivals as per the table below:

<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
1,722	1,545	1,613	1,263	1,287

**Question 2: The airports at which OTCs are performed by ABF officers**

- The ABF has provided border clearance services for private, non-commercial, jet arrivals as per the table below:

Canberra/Fairbairn	Coffs Harbour	Lord Howe Island
Newcastle	Williamtown	Norfolk Island
Nowra	Port Kembla	Alice Springs/Ayres Rock
Gove	Boigu Island	Gladstone
Horn Island/Thursday Island	Mackay	Maroochydore/Sunshine Coast
Rockhampton	Saibai Island	Townsville
Launceston	Essendon	Avalon
Broome	Carnarvon	Christmas Island
Cocos Island	Exmouth	Karratha
Learmonth	Port Hedland	

**Question 3: Any costs for a private/non-commercial jet arrival associated with an OTC**

- In accordance with the *Customs Act 1901*, the ABF is able to charge for the boarding and clearance of aircraft and examination of passengers' baggage at certain locations.
- The rates for those charges are set out in the *Customs Regulation 2015* and differ according to the days and hours prescribed for performing those functions.
- The fees that can be charged include an overtime fee, location fee and travel fees.

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**Question 4: The revenue collected and costs associated with OTCs for each of the past five financial years**

- The table below details the historical revenue generated per year and the 2018/19 year to date.

<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 YTD</b>
\$160,721	\$176,325	\$194,048	\$143,603

- There is no separate expense budget for these activities. The activity is resourced from within the BAU budget for the relevant area.

**Question 5: The costings (including revenue and costs associated) with OTCs over the forward estimates.**

- Revenue budgets are established annually for this purpose.