

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

Question No. 26

Senator BRANDIS asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Senator BRANDIS: ... In view of that obvious and very sharp increase in the number of illegal boat arrivals, can you tell us what movements there have been in the budget for Border Protection Command over the last three years? You can do it by reference to your annual report or any other convenient table.

Mr Carmody: Firstly, I have a slightly different figure for the year 2012, but not greatly.

Senator BRANDIS: In fairness to you, you had better give us that figure.

Mr Carmody: We have had this discussion before. The figures that I have are for PIIs not including crew. It was 42 and 3,261.

Senator BRANDIS: Perhaps the difference of about 80-odd is the crew.

Mr Carmody: There is 95 crew that I need to add to that. So we are in the same territory. I am not sure whether I have the split with border protection immediately available.

CHAIR: Your annual report?

Mr Carmody: I am not sure that it goes down to the level of Border Protection Command. My sense is that we have been—

Senator BRANDIS: Rather than have you speculate, what I will ask you to do is to arrange for those figure to be brought to you in the next hour or so, so that, by the time you finish your evidence, we can have those figures.

Mr Carmody: We will see if we can do that.

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

The budget for Border Protection Command is allocated from Customs and Border Protection Program 1.4 (Civil Maritime Surveillance and Response). This budget provides for the running costs of Border Protection Command Headquarters.

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
\$14,245,000	\$14,427,281	\$15,476,678