

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Group: 3**

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**Question No. SBE14/029**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:**

Senator BILYK: Off the top of your head, are any of you able to tell me what the value of the drugs involved in Heritage Marker might have been on the street?

Mr Cornell: I did ask that question. I might be slightly in error here, but there was one significant matter—I am not sure if it was Heritage Marker—where we understand that the drugs were forfeited and the estimate that the person who was trying to import them put on his loss was \$1.3 million for a significant number of kilos, but the kilos were in fact selling in Australia for something like \$240,000. So it was the equivalent of about 100 times. If I have got that wrong, someone can correct me, but there was a huge mark-up.

Mr N Sellars: In the search warrants that were executed in Heritage Marker, a number of quantities of drugs and cash were seized by the Australian Federal Police. I do not have that data to hand, but we can provide that later.

Senator BILYK: If you could take that on notice, that would be great.

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

Charges arising from ACLEI Operation Heritage/AFP Operation Marca related to the smuggling into Australia of an estimated total gross weight of 154.243 kilograms of Pseudoephedrine. Once converted to Methylamphetamine, these drugs would have sold for an estimated street value of \$46.39 million.