

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 118

Senator Ludwig asked the following questions:

- a) How many external fraud referrals were received for 2004-2005?
- b) How many cases were accepted for investigation? What was the estimated value of fraud in each case?
- c) What was the estimated value of fraud for referrals accepted?
 - i) In total
 - ii) In each case
- d) What was the total estimated value of fraud for referrals rejected?
 - i) In total
 - ii) In each case
- e) How many external fraud investigations were completed?
- f) What was the total revenue awarded to customs for external fraud investigations completed?

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

- a) 2,497.
- b) 459. 387 cases involved community protection goods that have no fraud value. Of the remaining 72, the estimated value of fraud for 35 cases is outlined in the table below and the value is still being calculated in 37 cases.

| Case | Estimated fraud | Case | Estimated fraud | Case | Estimated fraud |
|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| 1 | \$220,440 | 13 | \$35,000 | 25 | \$1,500,000 |
| 2 | \$148,703 | 14 | \$828,230 | 26 | \$2,241,469 |
| 3 | \$700,000 | 15 | \$6,500,000 | 27 | \$17,843 |
| 4 | \$979,332 | 16 | \$1,900,000 | 28 | \$1,314,834 |
| 5 | \$20,000 | 17 | \$558,825 | 29 | \$947,774 |
| 6 | \$500 | 18 | \$1,000 | 30 | \$90,484 |
| 7 | \$10,000 | 19 | \$89,175 | 31 | \$230,761 |
| 8 | \$1,721,384 | 20 | \$1,000,000 | 32 | \$25,000 |
| 9 | \$84,851 | 21 | \$113,105 | 33 | \$1,400,000 |
| 10 | \$2,279,000 | 22 | \$10,669 | 34 | \$2,262 |
| 11 | \$2,000,000 | 23 | \$2,300,000 | 35 | \$439,000 |
| 12 | \$1,000,000 | 24 | \$11,355 | | |

- c) (i) \$30,721,000 for the identified 35 cases.
(ii) See b) above.
- d) Customs does not maintain a record of the estimated value of fraud for referrals rejected.
- e) 468.
- f) \$8,715,604.