

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 124

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

- a) Further to the reply to Question 160 from 2 December 2004, what is the classification of the document and why is it classified at this level?
- b) What percentage of the total cost of costs with the logistics operations of the facilities?

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

- a) The document is classified 'Cabinet In Confidence'. It was classified 'Cabinet In Confidence' because the document was lodged with the Expenditure Review Committee.
- b) The logistics costs for the Container Examination Facilities (CEF) account for around 60 per cent of the total costs. The logistics costs include the transport and unpack/repack of containers and stevedore services. The total costs include staffing, property, equipment maintenance and depreciation and contract management costs.

	Total CEF Costs	Logistics Component	Logistics Component expressed as a percentage of total costs (approximate)
July 2005-31 Jan 06	\$30,622,786	\$17,436,518	57
2004-05	\$43,871,254	\$26,402,204	60