

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 129

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

- a) In what percentage of containers has Customs discovered drug-precursors and drugs?
- b) Provide a breakdown based on the assessment level of the container.

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

- a) Since the first Container Examination Facility opened in November 2002, Customs has found drug-precursors and drugs in 31 consignments, which is less than 1 per cent of all containers inspected.

b)

Priority	Number of finds
1	28
2	2
3	0
4	0

One find was due to a Frontline referral and the container was taken directly to the CEF.