

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 95

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

- a) Could you provide the full list of all consultancies over \$100,000 as required by the DoFA guidelines?
- b) Why was this information not included in your annual report?
- c) Is this information available on your website?
 - i) If so, provide the URL and the date it was uploaded to the website.
 - ii) If not, why not?

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

- a) Customs is required to publish a table of consultancy contracts let during the year with a value of \$10,000 or more in accordance with the Annual Report requirements. Agencies may publish this list within the Annual Report or on its website. The list of consultancy contracts for 2004-05 is available on the Customs website (www.customs.gov.au).
- b) The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies* requires agencies to publish the table of consultancy contracts with a value of \$10,000 or more either within the Annual Report or on the agency website. For 2004-05 Customs has published the table of consultancies on its website.
- c) Yes.
 - (i) The URL for the 2004-05 Annual Report is www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=5561 . The Annual Report was posted on the Customs website on 1 December 2005.
 - (ii) Not applicable.