

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 64

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

The 2005-06 annual report (page 12) indicates that, from 1 November 2005, Customs assumed responsibility for receiving, processing and medically clearing apprehended foreign fishers prior to their transfer to immigration detention facilities.

- a) What was the cost of those additional activities?
- b) Did Customs receive funding for that activity from:
 - i) The Department of Immigration, if so, how much?
 - ii) Consolidated Revenue, if so, how much?
 - iii) Any other source (if so, please specify) and if so, how much?

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

- a) \$57.240m over three years and eight months.
- b)
 - i) No.
 - ii) Yes, \$57.240m over three years and eight months.
 - iii) Not applicable.