

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 66

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

With regards to customs officers situated on the north coast of Australia between Cairns to Dampier, please provide for each office:

- a) The number of full time positions;
- b) The number of part time positions;
- c) How many of these positions are filled.

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

Fig 1: *Staff allocations for North Australian Customs Offices*

Positions and Employees as at March 2007

Location	Employment Type (FTE)			
	Positions	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Broome	20.0	13.0	0.7	13.7
Cairns	21.0	21.0	1.0	22.0
Cairns Passengers	103.0	84.0	19.9	103.9
Thursday Island	21.0	18.0		18.0
Weipa	7.0	7.0		7.0
Dampier	30.0	17.0	0.9	17.9
Port Hedland	14.0	10.0		10.0
NT District Offices - Gove	6.0	5.0		5.0
NT Passengers	49.0	49.0	0.3	49.3
Darwin	105.0	101.0	1.7	102.7
Total	376.0	325.0	24.5	349.5

Note:

- Dampier and Port Hedland's variance of 12 FTE and 4 FTE respectively will shortly be reduced, due to recruitments for Marine Crew Visa (MCV) roles and the expansion of operations at Dampier funded in the 2006-07 budget. The new staff will be in Dampier and Port Hedland by 30th June.
- An additional 6 FTE will be in place in Broome by 30 June as a result of recruitment under the Illegal Foreign Fishing initiative.