

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 74

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

With regards to figure 17 Imported High Volume Low Value Documents in postal items screened, footnotes to the table indicate that the HVLV category cease to exist as a category of air cargo as the implementation of ICS imports on 12 October 2005.

- a) Could Customs please explain where these are now categorised?
- b) Could Customs please provide a percentage of HVLV documents and postal items screened?

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

- a) These are now categorised as imported air cargo consignments.
- b) For the period 1 July – 11 October 2005, Customs screened 100 per cent of HVLV documents. From 12 October 2005, Customs screens 100 per cent of the air consignments formerly categorised as HVLV documents. In 2005-06, Customs screened 100 per cent of postal items presented by Australia Post.