

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 97**

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

CMR:

- a) On what date was Customs first made aware that cascade reporting would be an issue?
- b) In 2000 industry warned Customs that cascade reporting would be a major problem. What was done to address this concern?
- c) When was the decision made to continue with cascade reporting, and who made it?

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

- a) The Cargo Management Strategy was finalised in 1997. In this process industry groups expressed concerns about cargo reporting timeliness and accuracy.
- b) The publication of the Business Model was a key milestone in the CMR project. The model was published in March 2000 following an internal assessment and stakeholder review. Customs acknowledges the business rules for cascade reporting did not represent the view of all of industry.
- c) Not known.