

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

**Question No. 100**

**Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

Does ACBPS acknowledge that the Wheeler Review on airport security was at least in part directly attributable to the leaking of the report into airport security prepared by Mr Kessing?

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

Customs and Border Protection notes that the Wheeler Report states "Intelligence material, particularly from Customs, confirmed significant threats and vulnerabilities at major airports that are consistent with the reporting by *The Australian* on 31 May and 1 June 2005 of the unauthorised release of a classified Customs staff-level assessment at Sydney Airport." (page xi '*An Independent Review of Airport Security and Policing for the Government of Australia*')