

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

Question No. 20

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

Senator BRANDIS: ... Has there been any increase in cigars smuggled or brought illicitly into Australia since the reduction began on 1 September 2012?

Mr Pezzullo: That one I will definitely have to take on notice. The data that I had before me was the tonnage of loose leaf and the millions of sticks metric.

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

There has not been an increase in the number of cigars smuggled or brought illicitly into Australia since 1 September 2012.