

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 95

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

To your knowledge how many suspected illegal entry vessels have sunk en route to Australia?
Please give details of dates, vessels and passenger numbers if known.

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

The Australian Customs Service is aware of two suspected illegal entry vessels that have sunk en-route to Australia.

The vessel known as the SIEV- X departed Indonesia on or about 19 October 2001 with a reported 397 passengers and crew onboard.

The vessel codenamed AUGUSTUS foundered on 19 or 20 July 1999 with a reported 20 passengers and crew on board.