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

Question No. 37

Senator Parry asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

What is the breakdown of manned and unmanned ports in Australia?

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

There are a total of 63 Customs and Border Protection proclaimed ports in Australia of which 34 are manned ports and 29 are unmanned ports.

Staffing of proclaimed ports is based on consideration of the volume of shipping and the relative risk posed by arriving and departing vessels. Customs and Border Protection officers undertake intervention activities at all proclaimed ports and where vessels pose a high risk, officers are deployed to the port for the duration of the vessel's visit.