

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY

Question No. 36

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Senator BRANDIS: Currently, how many equivalent full-time staff positions are allocated to the oversight of Customs?

Mr Moss: Although Customs is taking the majority of my focus right now, the staff who are solely devoted to Customs work would be two staff. But other staff also support the work that they are involved in from time to time.

Senator BRANDIS: You must do an analysis of equivalent full-time positions of the other staff who are allocated to support their work from time to time. If you aggregate the amount of their time that is devoted to supporting the two staff overseeing Customs, how many equivalent full-time positions does that get you to?

Mr Moss: I do not have the answer of that aggregation for you now. I can take it on notice.

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

ACLEI has a number of operations in progress at any one time, and the resources needed for any one investigation varies on a day-to-day basis. Currently, ACLEI has two investigators who deal exclusively with Customs and Border Protection matters. Although ACLEI does not generally record the time spent by individual staff members on specific investigations or operations, it can be said that most operations staff are presently engaged on a routine basis with matters relating to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

Core skills in investigation management, intelligence collection and analysis, and technical surveillance monitoring are located in ACLEI's Operations Branch:

| Operations Branch, as at 30 May 2013 | Total positions | filled | recruiting |
|--|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Executive Director Operations | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Investigations | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Intelligence and assessments | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Technical capabilities (<i>management of Surveillance Capacity Enhancement Pilot, until December 2013</i>) | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Total Operations | 14 | 10 | 4 |

In addition, ACLEI's legal counsel (used in coercive hearings and to manage use of powers under the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*) and corruption prevention staff contribute to investigations, as required.

| As at 30 May 2013 | Total positions | filled | recruiting |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Legal | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Corruption Prevention | 2 | 2 | 0 |

The Integrity Commissioner directs these resources according to priority, to uncover and investigate corrupt conduct in the agencies in ACLEI's jurisdiction, and to strengthen their integrity frameworks.