

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 225

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Can you provide a copy of the response to the ALRC's recommendations in respect of their report number 95 Principal Regulation Federal Civil and Administrative Penalties in Australia?

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

The Government has not yet responded to ALRC 95.

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Question No. 226

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

In respect of the House of Representatives Committee that looked into averments can you provide a response to that report?

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

A government response to the report is being prepared and will be tabled in the usual way.

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Question No. 227

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

- a) In, light of that report is it your intention to provide an ex gratia payment to Mr Thomson?
- b) If not why not and if so when is it likely to be finalised?

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

- a) The Government response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report "Modern-day usage of averments in customs prosecutions" will contain the Government's position in respect of the recommendations in that report.
- b) The Government response to the report is expected in 2005.

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Question No. 228

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Have you any legislation in the pipeline which might deal with the issue of averments?

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

Any legislative amendment dealing with the issue of averments will be made in the context of the government's response to the Australian Law Reform Commission Report 95 of December 2002 "*Principled Regulation: Federal Civil and Administrative Penalties in Australia*".

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Question No. 229

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

What is the status of Release 2 of the Integrated Cargo System? Has this release been delivered according to schedule?

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

Release 2 (exports) of the CMR project took place on 6 October 2004. This date was agreed with industry on 13 May 2004.

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Question No. 230

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

How much has the Integrated Cargo System cost so far?

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

See answer to Question No. 222.

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Question No. 231

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

- a) Has any analysis of the effectiveness of the Integrated Cargo System so far taken place?
- b) If so, what were the results?

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

Full analysis of the effectiveness of the Integrated Cargo System cannot be made until it is in production.

As far as release 2 (exports) is concerned, the ICS has been highly effective. Indications to date have been generally positive. On Friday, 8 October 2004, two days after the EXIT system was turned off, the ICS successfully processed in excess of 19 000 transactions.

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Question No. 232

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

What is the status of Release 3 of the Integrated Cargo System?

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

See answer to question 222.

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Question No. 233

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Has the date of Release 3 been delayed further since its last postponement?

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

See answer to question 222.