

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 178

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

- a) Of the \$100,000 supplied for the modifications to the SmartGate system, how much has been expended?
 - (i) Have any further funds been requested?
 - (ii) If so, how much and have they been provided?
- b) Have the new machines been rolled out?
 - (i) If not, when are they due to be rolled out?
 - (ii) If so, what was the final cost of the modifications?
- c) How many SmartGate machines have been reworked so far?
- d) How many more are there to be reworked?
- e) When is this expected to be completed?

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

- a) All of the \$100,000 has been expended.
 - (i) Yes.
 - (ii) An additional sum of \$270,000 has been quoted to complete the task. The additional expense is due to changes to International Civil Aviation Organisation requirements associated with Basic Access Control and additional features that arose for document security checks since the original estimate was provided.
- b) No.
 - (i) They will be rolled out in February 2006.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
- c) Two SmartGate machines are in the process of being modified for airport use and two for testing purposes.
- d) Nil.
- e) February 2006.