

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 189

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

For the period 12 October 2005 to 31 October 2005, specify;

- a) how many sea imports bills of lading were processed for each day
- b) the average length of processing time for bills of lading each day
- c) how many were performed through COMPILE
- d) how many were performed through ICS
- e) how many were performed through CCF
- f) how many were performed manually
- g) how many staff were engaged in processing bills of lading

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

- a) See table below.
- b) See table below.
- c) COMPILE does not contain functionality for processing sea import bills of lading.
- d) The following table contains the processing numbers for ICS EDI messages and the time between the receiving of the sea import bill of lading message into Customs to the time the associated response message (informing the client of the outcome of the transaction) leaves Customs.

Date	No. of sea import bills of lading processed	Average length of processing for sea import bills of lading
12-Oct-05	5,549	16 minutes 46 seconds
13-Oct-05	6,170	5 minutes 25 seconds
14-Oct-05	9,099	5 minutes 44 seconds
15-Oct-05	852	1 minute 2 seconds
16-Oct-05	507	1 minute
17-Oct-05	5,632	3 minutes 49 seconds
18-Oct-05	7,280	3 minutes 57 seconds
19-Oct-05	8,528	3 minutes 27 seconds
20-Oct-05	8,133	3 minutes 2 seconds
21-Oct-05	11,380	46 seconds
22-Oct-05	2,261	15 seconds
23-Oct-05	1,140	5 seconds
24-Oct-05	7,407	17 minutes 12 seconds
25-Oct-05	7,589	10 minutes 9 seconds
26-Oct-05	7,973	12 minutes 53 seconds
27-Oct-05	9,382	10 minutes 41 seconds
28-Oct-05	10,570	4 minutes 13 seconds
29-Oct-05	1,326	5 seconds
30-Oct-05	554	4 seconds
31-Oct-05	7,750	12 minutes 27 seconds

- e) All sea imports bills of lading that were processed through the ICS were communicated through the CCF Gateway.
- f) No processing of sea imports bills of lading was performed manually during this period.
- g) It is not possible to determine how many individuals were involved in the processing of sea imports bills of lading during this period.