

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 190**

**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 air import declarations were processed for each day
- b) the average length of processing time for import declarations 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 imports declarations

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

- a) See below.
- b) See below.
- c) 11,928 air import declarations were processed through COMPILE.
- d) The following table contains the processing numbers for ICS EDI messages and elapsed time between the receiving of the air import declaration message into Customs to the time the associated response message (informing the client of the outcome of the transaction) leaves Customs.

<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of air import declarations processed</b>	<b>Average length of processing for air import declarations</b>
12-Oct-05	1,450	1 hour 42 minutes 26 seconds
13-Oct-05	2,664	1 hour 56 minutes 21 seconds
14-Oct-05	3,317	1 hour 20 minutes 38 seconds
15-Oct-05	1,477	23 minutes 41 seconds
16-Oct-05	2,299	9 minutes 41 seconds
17-Oct-05	4,629	1 hour 20 minutes 18 seconds
18-Oct-05	5,098	2 hours 16 minutes 52 seconds
19-Oct-05	5,429	32 minutes 6 seconds
20-Oct-05	4,888	38 minutes 10 seconds
21-Oct-05	4,368	4 minutes 35 seconds
22-Oct-05	1,818	28 minutes 58 seconds
23-Oct-05	2,818	1 minute 8 seconds
24-Oct-05	6,652	48 minutes 41 seconds
25-Oct-05	5,961	7 minutes 31 seconds
26-Oct-05	5,692	9 minutes 30 seconds
27-Oct-05	5,573	1 hour 26 seconds
28-Oct-05	4,856	42 minutes 29 seconds
29-Oct-05	1,632	3 minutes 23 seconds
30-Oct-05	2,845	24 seconds
31-Oct-05	6,389	41 minutes 23 seconds

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