

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 191**

**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 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 table below.
- b) See table below.
- c) 23,795 sea 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 sea 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 sea import declarations processed</b>	<b>Average length of processing for sea import declarations</b>
12-Oct-05	1,356	4 hours 57 minutes 45 seconds
13-Oct-05	2,170	3 hours 51 minutes 3 seconds
14-Oct-05	2,540	6 hours 47 minutes 33 seconds
15-Oct-05	588	2 hours 14 minutes 50 seconds
16-Oct-05	524	2 hours 19 minutes 20 seconds
17-Oct-05	2,981	3 hours 24 minutes 49 seconds
18-Oct-05	4,101	3 hours 31 minutes 4 seconds
19-Oct-05	4,705	4 hours 36 minutes 1 seconds
20-Oct-05	5,095	3 hours 21 minutes 51 seconds
21-Oct-05	4,880	2 hours 24 minutes 9 seconds
22-Oct-05	1,484	1 hours 46 minutes 23 seconds
23-Oct-05	1,486	2 hours 31 minutes 15 seconds
24-Oct-05	5,857	3 hours 12 minutes 34 seconds
25-Oct-05	6,711	2 hours 34 minutes 2 seconds
26-Oct-05	6,408	1 hours 28 minutes 32 seconds
27-Oct-05	6,725	2 hours 35 minutes 46 seconds
28-Oct-05	6,134	1 hours 43 minutes 37 seconds
29-Oct-05	1,177	1 hours 14 minutes 45 seconds
30-Oct-05	1,056	44 minutes 28 seconds
31-Oct-05	6,000	1 hours 19 minutes 42 seconds

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