

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 192

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 cargo clearances were granted for each day
- b) the average length of processing time for cargo clearances 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 cargo clearances each day

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

- a) See table below.
- b) See table below.
- c) 677 air import cargo clearances were performed through COMPILE during this period.
- d) The following table contains the processing numbers for ICS EDI messages and the time between the required payment for goods being received into the Customs system to the time the associated clearance message (informing the client of the clearance of the cargo) leaves Customs. Self-assessed air cargo reports are not included in these figures.

Date	No. of air import cargo clearances granted	Average length of processing for air import cargo clearances
12-Oct-05	9,636	3 hours 01 minutes 44 seconds
13-Oct-05	20,381	1 hour 42 minutes 32 seconds
14-Oct-05	15,696	2 hours 13 minutes 48 seconds
15-Oct-05	13,489	50 minutes 9 seconds
16-Oct-05	16,885	17 minutes 46 seconds
17-Oct-05	16,119	1 hour 7 seconds
18-Oct-05	15,870	1 hour 19 minutes 2 seconds
19-Oct-05	16,210	1 hour 15 minutes 38 seconds
20-Oct-05	24,408	1 hour 41 minutes 56 seconds
21-Oct-05	24,072	57 minutes 46 seconds
22-Oct-05	15,114	26 minutes 27 seconds
23-Oct-05	21,774	42 minutes 16 seconds
24-Oct-05	15,691	48 minutes 33 seconds
25-Oct-05	17,376	44 minutes 3 seconds
26-Oct-05	27,184	55 minutes 45 seconds
27-Oct-05	25,961	8 minutes 24 seconds
28-Oct-05	26,208	9 minutes 20 seconds
29-Oct-05	24,397	16 minutes 27 seconds
30-Oct-05	27,827	8 minutes 29 seconds
31-Oct-05	23,756	30 minutes 52 seconds

- e) All air import clearances that were granted through the ICS were communicated through the CCF Gateway.
- f) During this period, manual clearances were performed by Customs officers in all states and territories as requested and required. Collation of these requests has not yet been undertaken and it is not possible to provide this statistic.
- g) It is not possible to determine how many individuals were involved in the processing of air import declarations during this period.