

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 198

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

- a) Has Customs invited the Privacy Commissioner to conduct an audit of the system failure that allowed Customs Brokers to access the confidential data of other brokers, and how did Customs become aware?
- b) If not, why not? Does Customs intend to?
- c) If so, on what date was the Privacy Commissioner advised?
- d) Has the Privacy Commissioner begun the audit?
- e) When is it expected to be completed?
- f) If it has been completed, could Customs provide a copy?

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

- a) No.
- b) Customs has been in contact with the Privacy Commission on this issue. This contact did not identify the need to conduct an audit.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) Not applicable.
- f) Not applicable.