

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 219

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

- a) Has the Commonwealth Government explored the possibility of incorporating the management of illegal foreign fishing incursions solely within the Australian Customs Service and developing fisheries compliance expertise within that group as part of a broader approach to border security?
- b) If so, would that expertise be regionally located to take advantage of existing knowledge and expertise?

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

See answer to Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Question on Notice 26 from Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing, 1 November 2005 (Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee)