

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 221

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

- a) Is there a long term plan by Customs to be involved in the elimination of illegal fishing?
- b) Do the financial penalties applied to those fishing illegally apply to the owners of the boats rather than just the crew?
- c) What steps are taken to prevent crews from re-offending?

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

- a) Yes.
- b) This should be referred to the Australian Fisheries Management Authority for a response.
- c) This should be referred to the Australian Fisheries Management Authority for a response.