

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 108

Senator Abetz asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

With regard to Question 39 asked at the Budget Estimates of May 2008 concerning legislative forfeitures in the Torres Strait:

- a) in the answer provided, out of the eleven legislative forfeitures, can the Committee be provided with the details of those two that were not part of the nine banana boats that were dealt with by a legislative forfeiture in the Torres Strait?
- b) provide the number of legislative forfeitures between April 2008 and the end of October 2008, and
- c) how many actual apprehensions as opposed to legislative forfeitures were undertaken between April 2008 and the end of October 2008?

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

- a) The two legislative forfeitures that were not part of the nine banana boats, were two Type 2 vessels in the vicinity of Ashmore Island.
- b) Eight legislative forfeitures.
- c) 48 apprehensions.