

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 48

Senator Brandis asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

In relation to the Passenger Movement Charge

1. In 2008 when the Passenger Movement Charge was increased, it was done so to cover the cost of aviation security measures.
2. Following a Senate Committee Inquiry held on 26 May 2008, Community Policing at airports was named as an aviation security measure covered by the PMC increase.
3. Can you please advise how much revenue has been raised for community policing at airports via the PMC increase from 2008?
4. Since the PMC was introduced, could you please provide a breakdown of what the revenue was used for in each financial year?

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

1. The increase in the Passenger Movement Charge from 1 July 2008 was used to contribute to offsetting the cost of a range of aviation security initiatives.
2. Following a Senate Committee Inquiry held on 26 May 2008, Community Policing at airports was identified as one of about 100 aviation security measures that were partially offset by the increase in the Passenger Movement Charge. There was no link between specific expense measures and components of the increase in the Passenger Movement Charge.
3. All revenue collected from the Passenger Movement Charge is returned to consolidated revenue. Collections of the Passenger Movement Charge are not hypothecated and therefore it is not possible to identify what revenue has been raised for community policing at airports from the increase to the Passenger Movement Charge.
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