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s22(1)(a)(ii) Customs and Border Protection will divert 26 FTE on a short term basis from other activities and functions to undertake the campaign. Depending on the outcome of the campaign, sustained effort may not be the most cost effective or efficient process. The estimated additional revenue collected does not offset the cost of sustaining the enhanced measures outlined above.

Estimated additional revenue collected from enhanced compliance is in the order of \$1.2m per year. Over forward estimates this is \$4.8m, comprising of \$3.2m in GST which will be paid to the States and Territories, \$1.2m in duty and \$0.4 from addition application of import processing charge.

These estimates are based on six month results (April to September 2010) from Customs and Border Protection's targeting and monitoring of self assessed clearances (SACs), which are

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used to clear goods valued below the low value import threshold. During this period, a total of 4,467,468 SACs were lodged and over 40,000 SACs were assessed for revenue risk in the pre-clearance environment (this is approximately 1% of SACs).

This assessment resulted in 1,959 positive revenue detections with collections of approximately \$190,000 in duty, \$500,000 in GST and \$1million in deferred GST. It should be noted, more than half of the revenue collected was the result of 43 large detections. Without these 43 large detections, the resulting returns would not support the effort and cost incurred in having to assess large numbers of self assessed clearances.

There is limited data to support any estimates in international mail. The vast majority of parcels in international mail are small items weighing less than 2kg. A recent sampling exercise identified that less than 1% of all parcels are declared as more than \$700 value. In 2009-10, there were approximately 20,000 full import declarations (FIDs) for postal articles, with revenue liability of \$5.7m – this highlights the general low value nature of mail articles.

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