

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 107

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

What is the total cost to date, including a breakdown of costs, of the legal aid provided to the nine Sydney terrorists arrested in November 2005?

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

The total cost of providing assistance to the nine persons charged with terrorism offences in the Sydney terrorism trials to 23 February 2010 is as follows:

Solicitor costs \$3.135 million

Barrister costs \$7.177 million

Disbursements \$0.453 million

Total costs: \$10.764 million

Funding provided from the ECCCCF is separate from and does not impact on Commonwealth Budget funding for individual legal aid commissions, and is not reflected in the Budget allocations for each State and Territory.