

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 27**

**Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:**

**Senator XENOPHON:** I want to talk about general protocols. Mr Kessing was not actually questioned at the time [of the property search], was he?

**Mr Colvin:** I have seen the transcript of the discussion at the time. I would need to check because your comment that he was not there at the start of the search warrant does not accord with my memory. So I will check that.

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

Mr Kessing was not present at the premises at the time the search warrant was executed, and as such, he was not questioned at the time the search took place and property was seized.

Mr Kessing arrived at the premises approximately two hours after the search warrant of the premises had been executed. Shortly thereafter, AFP officers returned to the premises in order to execute a search warrant on Mr Kessing's vehicle. At this time, AFP officers conducted a taped record of interview with Mr Kessing.