

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

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**Question No. 91**

**Senator Siewert asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:**

Does the Budget allow for costs associated with pursuing international litigation against Japan for its whaling practices? If so, how much?

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

Costs associated with pursuing international litigation against Japan were not considered in the 2008/09 Budget, as no decision has yet been made to pursue such litigation. The Government is carefully considering international legal action and will make a decision at an appropriate time. Should a decision be taken to commence a case, the Government would consider budget implications.