

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

**Question No. 182**

**Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:**

In relation to the Allan Kessing case;

- a) what were the overall costs of the investigation into the Allan Kessing matter,
- b) what was the cost of surveillance, including telephone interceptions, for Allan Kessing and other individuals involved in this matter,
- c) what were the legal costs associated with prosecuting Allan Kessing, and
- d) what was the total amount of any other costs incurred by authorities and/or the Government in relation to the Kessing investigation and prosecution?

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

- a) The Australian Federal Police investigation has spent a total of \$258,675 as at 30 June 2009.
- b) There was no cost for specialist surveillance skills or telephone intercepts as they were not required in this case.
- c) Legal costs cannot be provided until the prosecution is finalised in the courts. Legal costs are generally a matter for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.
- d) Total costs cannot be provided until the matter is resolved in the courts. The AFP is not in a position to detail costs incurred by other government agencies.