

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 80

Senator Ludlam asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

In relation to Dr Mohammed Haneef:

- a) provide a breakdown of the total cost to the AFP of the prosecution of Dr Mohammed Haneef to date, and
- b) can you provide an estimate for what the Haneef case is likely to cost the agency into the future?

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

- a) The focus of the Operation Rain investigation comprised two distinct elements:
 1. To determine the alleged involvement of Dr Haneef and others in the terrorist incidents in London and Glasgow on 29 and 30 June 2007; and
 2. To identify any persons who may pose a threat to Australia's national security.

As at 30 August 2008, total AFP costs incurred as a result of Operation Rain was **\$8,547,843**.

- This total comprises **\$5,413,189** in employee salaries (including **\$1,613,756** in overtime allowances) and **\$3,134,654** in operational costs.
 - Of the total amount **\$7,148,132**, was expended in the first three months of the investigation; from July to September 2007, broken down as follows:
 - In July 2007, a total of **\$4,076,141** was expended;
 - In August 2007, a total of **\$1,885,458** was expended; and
 - In September 2007, a total of **\$1,186,533** was expended.
 - Total costs expended for the period October 2007 to August 2008 amounted to **\$1,399,711**.
 - As at 30 April 2008, the total cost of the investigation of Dr Haneef *alone*, was **\$3,218,136**.
- b) On 1 August 2008 the AFP concluded its active inquiries in relation to Operation Rain. Administrative costs associated with responding to Freedom of Information and like requests are being incurred. It is not possible to estimate agency costs into the future.