SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 77

Senator Xenophon asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

How much money was spent on:

- a) the investigation,
- b) the prosecution, and
- c) any other expenses involved in relation to the investigation of the unauthorised leaks of the reports by Mr Kessing into airport security matters?

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

a) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) conducted the investigation surrounding the disclosure of information.

b) The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecution (CDPP) conducted the prosecution phase surrounding the disclosure of information.

c) The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service assisted the AFP in their investigation of the unauthorised leaks of reports by Mr Kessing. Staffing costs involved in providing this assistance are estimated at \$30,000.