

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

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Question No. 51

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

Provide the total cost of legal aid provided to the five Sydney terrorists who were arrested in November 2005 and have since been found guilty of terrorism offences.

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

Legal Aid New South Wales has advised the Department that as at 30 September 2009 it has incurred costs of \$10.117 million in the provision of legal assistance to the co-accused in this matter. These expenses have been met from the Expensive Commonwealth Criminal Cases Fund which is a dedicated fund established for Commonwealth criminal law cases to ensure that the cost of these matters does not impact on the level of Commonwealth funding available for other Commonwealth law matters, such as family law.