

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS — JACOB ANTHONISZ

443. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the recent decision to drop 542 charges against Mr Jacob Anthonisz. How much has been spent to date by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on the abandoned prosecution?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

The prosecution case against Mr Jacob Daniel Anthonisz involved multiple accused, including, but not limited to, the principal offender, Mr Paul Whyte, and Mr Andrew Mitchell, and related to charges arising from the WA Police Force investigation named Operation Tangmere. It is not possible to accurately attribute the cost and/or time spent by Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions staff for Mr Anthonisz alone.