

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 116

Senator Milne asked the following question at the hearing on 13 February 2007:

People smuggler Khaleed Daoed was extradited to Queensland to face charges in relation to SIEV X and one other count (Yambuk that arrived at Christmas Island) despite the fact that:

- there appears to be no link between his activities and Queensland
- no other people smugglers have been extradited to Queensland
- other people smugglers have been tried in most cases in either WA or NT (with an apparent basis for this in whether the boats were destined for Christmas Island or Ashmore Reef)

- (a) Given the continuing controversy regarding SIEV X, will the Minister advise whether the existence of Section 100 of Queensland's *Corrective Services Act* was a factor in the decision to extradite Khaleed Daoed to Queensland and try him there? If yes, to what degree?
- (b) If this legislation was not a factor in deciding to extradite Khaleed Daoed to Queensland, rather than the more obvious choice of WA or another state or territory, what was the basis for the decision?

The answers to the honourable senator's questions are as follows:

- (a) No.
- (b) Due to the location of witnesses and investigators the matter was prosecuted in Queensland.