

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

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Question No. 73

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:

Please advise the Committee if any discussion or meetings took place in Canberra with regard to the possible rendition of Mr Habib to Egypt.

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

The possibility of Mr Habib being transferred to Egypt by another government was discussed after the conclusion of a meeting about unrelated policy issues held in Canberra in late October 2001. Senior officials from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Attorney-General's Department agreed that the Australian Government could not agree to the transfer of Mr Habib to Egypt.