

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

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Question No. 74

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

How would discussions or meetings that possibly took place in Canberra with regard to the possible rendition of Mr Habib to Egypt have come about? Would that have been advice being sought by the Australian Federal Police?

Did the Australian Federal Police at any time seek advice from the Attorney-General's office in relation to the possible rendition of Mr Habib to Egypt?

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

Mr Habib's circumstances at that time, including what could possibly happen to him, were the subject of active consideration by Australian government agencies, including the Australian Federal Police.

The AFP has advised that it did not at any time seek advice from the Attorney-General's Office in relation to the possible rendition of Mr Habib to Egypt.