

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 95

Senator Trood asked the following question as an additional question on notice:

On page 63 of the Incoming Brief for the Attorney General's states 'The interim detainee management arrangement involves the transfer of most detainees to Afghanistan'.

- (a) Why does it state 'the transfer of most detainees to Afghanistan'? Where else are they being transferred?
- (b) By whom are they being transferred?

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

(a) After detainees are captured by the Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan, they are held in an Australian-run purpose built screening facility in Tarin Kowt in Uruzgan province.

Once initial screening is complete, detainees are transferred from Australian custody to either Afghan or United States custody, or are released if there is insufficient evidence to justify ongoing detention.

Those assessed as posing a less serious threat are transferred to the Afghan National Directorate of Security in Uruzgan province. This accounts for most Australian-apprehended detainees.

Those as assessed as posing a serious threat are transferred to a detention facility run by the United States in Parwan province.

(b) Detainees are transferred by the Australian Defence Force.