

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 84

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:

- a) On what date did the agency first become aware of the use of rendition techniques by the United States authorities?
- b) How did the agency first become aware of the use of rendition techniques by the United States authorities?
- c) After the agency became aware that rendition techniques were used by the United States authorities:
 - i) What action was taken?
 - ii) Did the agency review its procedures relating to the manner in which it dealt with United States agencies?
 - 1) If so, give details.
 - 2) If not, why not?
- d) Has the agency received intelligence from the US that arose out of a person subject to rendition?
 - i) If so, was it known at the time of receipt that this intelligence arose out of a person subject to rendition?
- e) Does the agency receive intelligence from the US that arises out of persons subject to rendition?

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

- a) The AFP is aware of allegations that United States authorities have engaged in the extraordinary rendition of persons.
- b) Such allegations have been in the public domain for some time.
- c) (i). None.
(ii). No. The AFP's engagement with US authorities is consistent with Australian Government policy on such matters.
- d & e) The AFP does not disclose intelligence sources.