

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 80

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

I refer you to comments made by the Russian ambassador to Australia, Leonid Moiseev, in an article reported on page 4 of The Australian on 18 October 2004 titled 'Pleas to seize Russian mafia turned down'.

- a) Does the Attorney-General's Department believe that this article represents a true and accurate account of events?
- b) If not, why?
- c) If so, why has the Attorney-General's Department denied in the press that any such request was made?

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

- a) The comments attributed to the Department are correct. The comments attributed to the Russian Ambassador, H E Leonid Moiseev, are incorrect.
- b) On 25 October 2004, H E Leonid Moiseev wrote to the Minister for Justice and Customs stating that neither he nor his staff had ever raised the idea of concluding an extradition treaty between Russia and Australia.
- c) See the answer to (b) above.

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Question No. 81

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

Has the Attorney-General's Department received any request for advice, or itself requested legal advice, regarding the impending trial of Mr Hicks?

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

No, the Attorney-General's Department has not received any request for advice, or itself requested legal advice, regarding the military commission trial processes, procedures or law applicable to such.

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Question No. 82

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

I refer you to the recent decision of the US Supreme Court regarding the trial of Salim Ahmed Hamdan by a US military tribunal.

- (a) Has the Attorney-General's department received any such request or advice subsequent to this decision?
- (b) If so, what was the nature of such request or advice?
- (c) If a request for advice, has the Attorney-General's Department responded to any such request?
- (d) If so, what was the nature of that advice?

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

- (a) – (d) No.