

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

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Question No. 119

Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

Given that Mr Tallaal Adrey has complained of torture, mistreatment, that a fellow inmate has died in custody and Mr Adrey has needed tests to ensure he has not been infected with HIV or Hepatitis while imprisoned;

- (a) what steps has the Australian Government taken to guarantee his basic human rights?
- (b) Is the Government relying solely on advice given to them by Kuwaiti authorities?
- (c) And given that Kuwaiti authorities initially denied holding Mr Adrey, what has the Government done to ensure this advice is accurate?

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

The Attorney-General's Department has had no involvement in inquiries concerning Mr Adrey's welfare and human rights. These are matters for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.