

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

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Question No. 64

Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

- (a) Please provide details of the Australian consular visit in March 2006.
- (b) On what date was Mr Hicks moved to a single cell?
- (c) On what date was the Australian Government informed by United States authorities that Mr Hicks had been moved?

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

- (a) The Consul-General from the Australian Embassy in Washington visited Mr Hicks on 16 March 2006. Mr Hicks expressed several welfare-related concerns, which the Consul-General raised with US authorities. For privacy reasons the Government does not normally divulge the issues discussed with Mr Hicks.
- (b) Mr Hicks was transferred to a single occupancy cell at the newly-completed Camp 5 facility on 17 March 2006.
- (c) US authorities advised the Australian Government on 11 April 2006 that Mr Hicks had been moved to Camp 5.