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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM14

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Topic: ASIO security intelligence report

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Senator Nettle asked: -I will just tell you. The Attorney-General's Department this morning said that there was an ASIO security intelligence report that was circulated-I think they said it was on the following day-that referred to the issue of the rendition of Mamdouh Habib. That is the one for which I am interested in finding out who in the Prime Minister's department and in the Prime Minister's office, including the Prime Minister, it would have been circulated to.

Mr Borrowman-I will take that on notice.

Answer: The Director-General of ASIO, as head of the agency that produced the report in question, has declined to place the distribution of the report on the public record.