

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM16

Outcome 1, Output 3

Topic: Action taken by PM&C, PMO or the Prime Minister to ensure Australian citizens won't be rendered to another country where they might face torture

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Senator Nettle asked: -All right. I will do it this way. Can you tell me what actions have been taken by the Prime Minister's department, office or the Prime Minister to ensure that-after this all occurred-an Australian citizen will not be rendered to another country where they might face torture? What action has been taken to ensure that this does not occur again?

Mr Borrowman-I will take that on notice.

Answer: The government has made clear that it does not support extraordinary rendition. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Smith, stated on 12 March 2008 "we've made it clear that we don't support the notion of rendition." Senator Faulkner advised the Committee on 26 May 2008 that in no case would the Rudd government support rendition.