SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 2

Senator Nettle asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:

Describe the nature of the contact the Australian Federal Police (AFP) had with Mr Habib in Guantanamo Bay in May 2002.

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

On 15 May 2002, the AFP conducted a taped record of interview with Mr Habib at Guantanamo Bay with a view to determining whether he had committed any breaches of Australian law.

On 16 May 2002, the AFP, together with representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), met with Mr Habib at Guantanamo Bay. The purpose of the AFP attending this meeting was to clarify information provided during the previous interviews. No formal taped record of interview was conducted on this occasion.