

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

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Question No. 57

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

Provide a list of attendees for the discussions on 23 October 2001 in Canberra relating to the transfer of Mamdouh Habib?

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

The names and positions (as at October 2001) of the attendees who participated in the discussions in Canberra relating to Mr Habib, which the Department believes occurred on 23 October 2001, are as follows:

1. Mr Dennis Richardson – Director-General, Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation
2. Mr Geoffrey Dabb – Executive Advisor (Band 2, SES), Attorney-General's Department
3. Mr Michael Potts – First Assistant Secretary (Band 2, SES), Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
4. Mr John Davies – Deputy Commissioner, Australian Federal Police

A representative from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was also present. However, the Attorney-General's Department is unable to confirm the identity of that representative.