

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

Question No. 102

Senator Brown asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

Regarding claims in the book *My Story* by Mamdouh Habib, including those in the chapter 'Taken to Egypt':

- a) was any Australian official in the same building as Mr Habib at any time during his time in Egypt and, if so, who and why
- b) who is David (see page 129)
- c) what correspondence (including electronic, telephonic or other format) has there been between Egypt and Australia about Mr Habib, when, from and to whom, and regarding which issue, and
- d) how did the Egyptian operatives know the layout of the Habib household?

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

- a) No.
- b) Refer to answer (a) above.
- c) The Australian Government can not comment further because to do so would jeopardise liaison relationships with foreign governments and national security.
- d) Refer to answer (c) above.