



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: **Denmark**
CHAMBER: The Folketing

1. Was there a special committee formed in your chamber, similar to the one of the EP's Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners - TDIP?

Yes:

No:

2. Does any other permanent committee of your chamber deal with the matters?

Yes:

No:

3. Which permanent committee in your Chamber supervises intelligence services of your country?

Name:

Committee on the Intelligence Services

What is its mandate:

The Danish Parliament, Folketinget, has the parliamentary control of the secret services through a special parliamentary committee set up under Act no 378 of 6 July 1988 with the role of "supervising the Danish Defence Intelligence Service (FE) and the Danish Police Intelligence Service (PET).

In accordance with the law, the committee must be informed of the general guidelines governing the activities of the services and must be kept informed of important matters of security or foreign political issues that are relevant to the activities of the intelligence services. According to legislation, when being briefed, the committee must pay attention to the special conditions applying to intelligence activities. The members of the committee are under a duty of confidentiality in respect of what they learn on the committee.

Act no 387 of 6 June 1988 on establishing a Committee concerning the Intelligence Services of the Defence and the Police, in unofficial translation, reads:

§1(1) Aiming at controlling the intelligence services of the defence and the police a committee is established.

§1(2) The committee shall consist of 5 Members of Parliament appointed by the political parties represented in the Presidium of the Folketing. The committee appoints its chairman itself.

1(3) Each member of the committee may have the committee summoned for meetings. Moreover, the committee can be summoned by request of the government.

§1(4) A secretary who is not a Member of Parliament, should be attached to the committee. The secretary must be permanently employed by the Folketing

§2(1) The government inform the committee about the content of the guidelines in force governing the intelligence services. Furthermore, the government keeps the committee informed about essential circumstances concerning security or foreign policy of importance to the work of the intelligence services. This information will be given in due respect of the special conditions concerning intelligence service work.

§3. The committee may - orally or in writing - inform the government of its opinion concerning the questions dealt with by the committee.

§4. The financial control of the intelligence services is not comprised by the tasks of the committee. However, the committee may in connection with other information from the government learn about general financial conditions related to the intelligence services.

§5. The members and the secretary of the committee are obliged to silence about what they learn from their work in the committee.

§6. The Act will come into force on 1. August 1988.

MPs involved:

This committee consists of five MPs who are appointed by the five major parties in Parliament. Information on the members of this committee: http://www.ft.dk/Samling/20051/Kommissioner_dags_dato/K66.htm

1 [Morten Bødskov](#) (S)

2 [Svend Erik Hovmand](#) (V)

3 [Pia Kjærsgaard](#) (DF)

4 [Helge Adam Møller](#) (KF)

5 [Morten Helveg Petersen](#) (RV)

Outcome and work programme in the area of these allegations:

4. Has your Chamber been involved in another activities relating to these allegations (debate, report, etc.)?

No, however several questions to the Government have been asked by the Committee Defence Committee. In addition questions have been asked directly to the Government in the plenary on the matter. Below are links to the website where you can find them (only in Danish):

Questions in the plenary: <http://www.ft.dk/search.asp?q=cia&l=Samling=20051&l=Kategori=S>

Committee questions: <http://www.ft.dk/search.asp?q=cia&l=Samling=20051&l=Kategori=UDV>