



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: **Germany**
CHAMBER: Bundestag

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:

If yes;

Creation date: Possibly 31 March 2006 (see below)

Name:

Temporary committee on the investigation into secret detention camps and CIA flights

Powers: See Document n° 16/990

Opposition parties in the German parliament have asked the government several times for information on secret detention camps and CIA flights :

Documents n° [16/124](#), [16/141](#), [16/320](#) and [16/325](#)

Government has answered in documents n° [16/311](#) and [16/355](#)

The opposition parties in the German Bundestag have formally requested the establishment of a temporary committee on 17 March 2006 with Document n° 16/990. Their request has been signed by the required number of MPs so that the committee must be established. However, the formal decision has to be taken by the plenary of the Bundestag and a number of procedural details have to be decided upon. According to the provisional agenda, the plenary will be seized on 31 March 2006. It is not certain today whether the final decision will be taken on that day or after the seizure of the Committee for the Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure.

MPs involved: According to the formal request in Document n° 16/990: seven Members (2 of CDU/CSU, 2 of SPD, 1 of FDP, 1 of DIE LINKE., 1 of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen)

Outcome and work programme of the special committee:

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:

Parliamentary Control Panel (Parlamentarisches Kontrollgremium)

What is its mandate:

In accordance with the Act on the Parliamentary Control of the Federation's Intelligence Services, the Parliamentary Control Panel is responsible for scrutinizing the work of the intelligence services. The Bundestag itself decides on the number of its members, its composition and its working methods. At present, it comprises nine Members of the Bundestag. The Panel can demand the submission of detailed information by the Federal Government on the federal intelligence services' general activities and on operations of particular importance. (The Federal Government must also permit access to files and databases, interviews with intelligence service staff and visits to their premises.) The panel is entitled to inspect service documents and records, hear service staff and visit services. However, exercise of its rights may be denied for compelling reasons. The Bundestag re-appoints the Parliamentary Control Panel at the beginning of each electoral term; until it does so, the Panel appointed in the preceding electoral term continues its work.

MPs involved:

9 MPs (Members of the Bundestag): 3 of CDU/CSU, 3 of SPD, 1 of FDP, 1 of DIE LINKE., 1 of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen)

Outcome and work programme in the area of these allegations:

Website: <http://www.bundestag.de/parlament/kontrollgremien/parlkon/index.html>)

Literature on the activities of the control committee:

http://www.bundestag.de/bic/bibliothek/akt_lit/litTipps/littippnachrichtend.pdf

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

No