



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: **Lithuania**
CHAMBER: The Seimas

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:

If yes;

Name:

Foreign Affairs Committee of the Seimas

What is its mandate regarding these allegations:

The Committee shares the responsibility together with the European Affairs Committee, of the parliamentary scrutiny of the European Union issues, under the Constitutional Act of the Republic of Lithuania on the Membership of the Republic of Lithuania in the European Union of 13 July, 2004.

Under the Statute of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, adopted on 17 February 1994, the Foreign Affairs Committee is responsible for consideration of the issues of the EU CFSP and CSDP. The Committee may, when necessary, express an Opinion on behalf of the Seimas or present Committee Conclusions regarding proposals to adopt legal acts emanating from the EU Institutions, or other documents relating to the issues of the EU CFSP and CSDP.

MPs involved:

All the Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Outcome and work programme of the permanent committee:

The Committee held a meeting in camera on 15 February 2006. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Deputy Director-General of the State Security Department replied to the questions posed by the Committee Members. During the debate the Committee Members were also informed on the status quo of the inquiries at the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. No specific date for a further meeting has been established. The Members are kept informed about the Council of Europe and the European Parliament inquiries on a constant basis.

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

Name:

National Security and Defence Committee

What is its mandate:

All aspects of parliamentary scrutiny of intelligence services.

Legal basis:

Law on Intelligence and the Statute of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

MPs involved:

All the Members of the National Security and Defence Committee

Outcome and work programme in the area of these allegations:

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

No