



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: **UK**

CHAMBER: **House of Lords**

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?

No.

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

Yes.

Name:

Joint Committee on Human Rights

What is its mandate regarding these allegations:

The Committee is currently considering human rights issues concerning deportations with assurances and extraordinary renditions in the context of its inquiry into UK compliance with the UN Convention against Torture.

Members of the House of Lords involved:

Lord Bowness, Lord Campbell of Alloway, Lord Judd, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Lord Plant of Highfield, Baroness Stern

Outcome and work programme of the permanent committee:

Four oral evidence sessions have been held so far; the uncorrected transcripts of those sessions, together with the written evidence supplied by the witnesses, can be accessed on the Committee's website:

http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/joint_committee_on_human_rights/jchrci.cfm#UNCAT

the questions are not confidential, they are all already in the public domain.

A record of questions on the issues under consideration by TDIP is not kept separately by the administration of the House of Lords. You can search for the relevant questions on the House of Lords website.

For example, written questions on "extraordinary rendition" can be found at:

<http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/ld199900/ldhansrd/pdvn/all-was2.htm#e>

There may be other subjects of questions that are also of interest to you and TDIP.

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

None.

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

There have been written questions to the Government and oral questions in the Chamber.

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