

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 44

Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2003:

Did we receive any prior warning that Abu Quassey would be leaving Indonesia on 24 April?

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

No.

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Question No. 45

Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2003:

Is it usual Australian practice to issue provisional warrants with respect to countries with whom we do not have a general extradition relationship?

Has it been done before?

Has any one of the countries to whom we made the provisional warrant sought a reciprocal response in relation to a request of extradition?

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

Australia's usual practice is to issue requests for the provisional arrest of a person whose extradition will be sought only from countries with whom we have an extradition relationship.

However, there have been past occasions when Australia has made such requests in the absence of an extradition relationship.

No country to whom a request for the provisional arrest of Abu Quassey was made sought a reciprocal response in relation to an extradition request.