



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: **Belgium**

CHAMBER: The Chamber of Representatives

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:

JUSTICE COMMITTEE + DEFENSE COMMITTEE

What is its mandate:

GOVERNMENT CONTROL + LEGISLATION

MPs involved:

17 PERMANENT MEMBERS IN EACH COMMITTEE

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.)?

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5. Additional supervision bodies:

By the law of 18 July 1991, the Belgian Federal Parliament instituted the Permanent Committee for the Control of Intelligence Services as the organ for controlling the Belgian intelligence services (in short, in English, *Permanent Committee I*).

The goal of this outside control over the State Security service and the General Intelligence and Security Service of the armed forces (ADIV in Dutch, SGR in French) is to provide greater transparency in the functioning of these services.

Public opinion, members of Parliament and political leaders can also better assess the effectiveness of the intelligence services and the manner in which they apply the law.

In so doing, Parliament wished to confirm that these services, which are vested with especially sensitive missions, need to exist, without giving them blind confidence. From this arises the recognition of a supervised power. Thus this sector traditionally described as a shadowy zone in the body politic, rich in myths and rumours, finds itself subject to permanent supervision by an independent body and is obliged to unveil its activities at least partially. .

Information on the Permanent Committee, including the names of the members, their annual report, publications etc. can be found on [their website](#), WWW.COMITERI.BE. This permanent committee is supervised by a special committee of the Senate. This committee frequently gathers in joint meetings with the special committee of the House that supervises the Standing Police Monitoring Committee.