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The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement (the committee) tabled its report into its *Examination of the Annual Report of the Australian Federal Police 2014-15* on 25 May 2017. The report makes one recommendation. The Australian Government's response to the Committee's recommendation is provided below.

Recommendation 1

4.9: The Committee recommends that the government introduce legislation to re-establish the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement's oversight function with respect to the monitoring, reviewing or reporting on the performance by the Australian Federal Police of its functions under Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code.

The Government **does not agree** to the Committee's recommendation.

The oversight of AFP's functions under Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code was transferred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) in late 2014.

The Government supports the transparency and accountability afforded by appropriate Parliamentary oversight of the AFP's functions and activities. However, legislating for the Committee to have duplicative oversight of the AFP's functions under Part 5.3 of the Criminal Code in addition to the PJCIS would place an unnecessary administrative burden on the AFP.