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Mr Dan Tehan MP
Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee
on Intelligence and Security
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr Tehan

I refer to following reports of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security which were tabled in Parliament on 11 February 2014:

- *Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and the re-listing of six terrorist organisations;*
and
- *Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula.*

I advise that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister has approved the tabling of the Government's responses to these reports and that arrangements are being made for the responses to be tabled during the next session of Parliament. I attach a copy of the Government responses for your information.

The action officer for this matter is Annabel Knott

Yours sincerely

Jamie Lowe
A/g First Assistant Secretary

Encl: Government responses

Government Response

February 2014 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and the re-listing of six terrorist organisations

Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jabhat al-Nusra as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 2:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 3:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list al-Qa'ida as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 4:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Abu Sayyaf Group as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 5:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 6:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jamiat ul-Ansar as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 7:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jemaah Islamiyah as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 8:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.