



PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA

MEDIA RELEASE

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of listing of Islamic State East Asia as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code*

Issue date: 5 December 2017

Listing of terrorist organisation supported

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCS) has tabled a report today supporting the listing of Islamic State East Asia as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code*.

The listing of Islamic State East Asia makes it a criminal offence to be a member of, participate in or provide support to the organisation.

Under section 102.1A of the [Criminal Code](#), the PJCS may review listings of terrorist organisations and report on the Committee's findings within the 15 sitting day parliamentary disallowance period.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, said "Islamic State East Asia is comprised of a number of extremist groups that have publicly pledged allegiance to Islamic State. We have seen increasingly violent attacks committed by the group in the Philippines very similar to those conducted by Islamic State in Syria and Iraq."

"The Committee was satisfied that Islamic State East Asia meets the relevant thresholds to be listed as a terrorist organisation."

The PJCS also today presented its Annual Report of Committee Activities for 2016–17.

The annual report outlines the Committee's key achievements in 2016–17, which include inquiries into reforms to Australia's national security legislation, ongoing statutory oversight of the Australian intelligence agencies, reviews of the listing of terrorist organisations, and a review of the declaration of Islamic State as a terrorist organisation under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

Both reports can be obtained from the Committee's [website](#).

Media enquiries:

Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP (Canning, WA) on 08 9534 8044 (Electorate office) or (02) 6277 4223 (Parliament House)

For background information:

Committee Secretariat - Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security –
(02) 6277 2360

pjcs@aph.gov.au

Interested members of the public may wish to track the committee via the [website](#). Click on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner and use the forms to login to My Parliament or to register for a My Parliament account.

Media release issue date: 5 December 2017