



Review of the re-listing of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and Al-Shabaab as terrorist organisations

Committee to review re-listing of five terrorist organisations

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will review the re-listing of five terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Criminal Code):

- **Al-Shabaab**, a Somali militant group affiliated with al-Qa'ida that aims to establish an Islamic state in Somalia based on Islamic law, and to eliminate foreign 'infidel' influence;
- **Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades**, which seek to establish a Palestinian Islamist state comprising Gaza, the West Bank and Israel;
- **Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK)**, a Kurdish nationalist movement that calls for autonomy for Kurds within Turkey and the right to maintain a Kurdish ethnic identity;
- **Lashkar-e-Tayyiba**, a Pakistan-based Sunni extremist organisation that aims to unite Indian administered Kashmir with Pakistan under a radical interpretation of Islamic law; and
- **Palestinian Islamic Jihad**, a Sunni Islamist organisation committed to the destruction of the state of Israel.

Listing of an organisation under the Criminal Code makes it an offence to direct the activities of, be a member of, recruit for, train for and receive training from that organisation. It is also a criminal offence to get funds to, from or for, provide support to and associate with members of that organisation.

Al-Shabaab was first listed as a terrorist organisation in Australia from August 2009; Kurdistan Workers' Party from December 2005; Palestinian Islamic Jihad from May 2004; and Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades and Lashkar-e Tayyiba from November 2003.

Under section 102.1A of the Criminal Code, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may review listings of terrorist organisations and report on the Committee's findings within the 15 sitting day parliamentary disallowance period.

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to this review. Submissions should be received no later than **Thursday, 3 September 2015**.

Further information about the five organisations and the re-listing process are contained within the Attorney-General's submissions, which can be accessed via the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

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