

Australian Government

Australian Government Response to the Recommendations of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

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Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends the Department of Home Affairs notify the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security in writing when terrorist group re-listings are not being sought or are being de-listed. This is to occur as soon as practicable after the event. Written notification is to be followed up by, if requested, an oral briefing to the Committee on the basis for the revocation or non-renewal of terrorist group listings

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate

Recommendation 2:

The Committee recommends that any Bill referrals are accompanied by a submission from the department(s) responsible for the Bill.

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate

Recommendation 3:

The Committee recommends that the appropriate Minister notify the Committee of any amendments to the Intelligence Services Act 2001 affecting the role or functions of the Committee, not contained in a Bill reviewed by the Committee or in a government response to a Committee report.

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate

Recommendation 4:

The Committee recommends the Australian Government refer Section 29 and Schedule 1 of the Intelligence Services Act 2001 to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security for review and report at the commencement of the 47th Parliament.

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate

Recommendation 5:

The Committee recommends the Australian Government investigate, in consultation with the Presiding Officers of the Parliament, the Director-General of Security and the Director-General National Intelligence, the feasibility of additional classified meeting spaces within Parliament House for use by parliamentary committees, including the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate