



***Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group, Al-Qa'ida, Al-Qa'ida in Iraq, Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb, Jamiat ul-Ansar, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula as terrorist organisations***

**Committee to Review Listings of Terrorist Organisations**

Under section 102.1A of the Criminal Code Act 1995, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may review the regulations, specifying an organisation as a terrorist organisation, as soon as possible after the making of the regulation. Eight organisations are to be reviewed:

- **Jabhat al-Nusra**, a Syria-based Sunni extremist group that adheres to the global jihadist ideology of al-Qa'ida. Jabhat al-Nusra's objectives are to remove the regime of President Bashar al-Assad and create a salafist-oriented Sunni Islamist state in Syria.
- **Abu Sayyaf Group**, a separatist militant Islamist movement associated with al-Qa'ida and Jemaah Islamiyah that seeks to create an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines.
- **Al-Qa'ida**, a Sunni Islamic extremist organisation that seeks to remove governments, through violent means if necessary, in Muslim countries that it deems 'un-Islamic' in order to establish an Islamic Caliphate.
- **Al-Qa'ida in Iraq**, a Sunni Islamist extremist group affiliated with Al-Qa'ida and operating primarily in Iraq.
- **Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb**, based in northern Algeria with the main objective of overthrowing the Algerian Government and replacing it with an Islamist government.
- **Jamiat ul-Ansar**, which seeks to unite all of Kashmir with Pakistan and establish a caliphate based on Islamic law.
- **Jemaah Islamiyah**, a Salafi jihadist group, inspired by the same ideology as al-Qa'ida.
- **Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula**, a recognised affiliate of al-Qa'ida operating in Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to this review. Submissions should be received no later than Friday, 10 January 2014.

Further detail on these terrorist organisations is contained within the Attorney-General's statement of reason for each listing or re-listing. These can be accessed via the Committee's website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>

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