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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dunstone

Addition to Attorney-General's Department response to written question on notice from Senator Ludwig dated 25 June 2015

Further to the Attorney-General's Department's response of 2 July 2015 to the written question on notice, I have attached a copy of an additional item of relevant correspondence, which was sent to ASIO.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Chidgey
Acting Deputy Secretary
3 July 2015

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2015 10:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Horsfall, Karen; [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter from Monis / Haron to AG Oct 2014 & AGD reply Nov 2014 [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: MC14 20587 - AGD Horsfall - response Sheikh Haron - 5 November 2014 - Islamic State.PDF; MC14 20587 - letter Sheikh Haron to AG - 7 October 2014 - request re Islamic State.PDF

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As discussed, please find attached a copy of the letter from Sheikh Haron to the Attorney-General dated 7 October 2014, along with the response from the Attorney-General's Department of 5 November 2014.

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MC14/20587

5 November 2014

Mr/s Sheikh Haron
PO Box 3409
LIVERPOOL WESTFIELD NSW 2170

Dear Mr/s Haron

Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2014 to the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, regarding correspondence with Caliph Ibrahim, the leader of the Islamic State. The Attorney-General has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Islamic State is listed as a terrorist organisation under Part 5.3 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*. Under the Criminal Code, it is an offence to direct the activities of, be a member of, recruit for, provide training to, receive training from, provide funds to or receive funds from or provide support to, a terrorist organisation. It is also an offence to associate with a member of a listed terrorist organisation in certain circumstances where such association intentionally provides support to that organization. The penalties for these offenses are severe, and could be up to 25 years imprisonment.

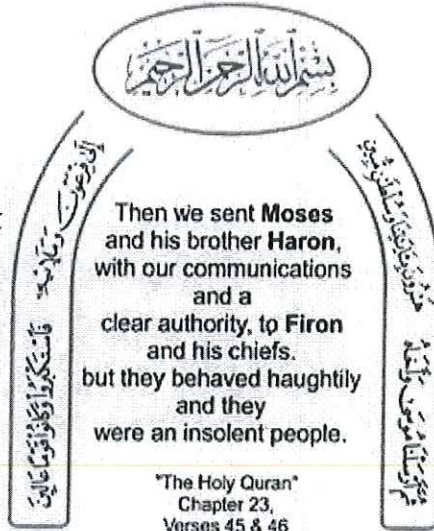
The Attorney-General's Department does not provide legal advice to the members of the public and cannot address your specific question about the legality of corresponding with Caliph Ibrahim. Should you have further concerns about the legality of your proposed actions, you might like to consider obtaining professional legal advice.

Yours sincerely

Karen Horsfall
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To: Attorney-General George Brandis
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Attorney-General George Brandis,

I would like to send a letter to Caliph Ibrahim, the leader of the Islamic State, in which making some comments and asking some questions. Please advise me whether the communication is legal or illegal.

Thank you

Haron



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