Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and SecurityANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Review of the listing of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Time taken to seek views from other jurisdictions

Member: Mr Andrew Wallace MP

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Question:

In relation to the listing of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code, why did it take four weeks for the Prime Minister's Office or the Prime Minister to write to the premiers and first ministers of the other jurisdictions to seek their views/input on the proposed listing?

Answer:

Listing an entity as a terrorist organisation is a significant decision that has implications for the public and a wide range of stakeholders. In this period, relevant agencies continued their work preparing for the proposed listing of the Ansar Allah.