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Mr Dan Tehan MP
Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee
On Intelligence and Security
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Tehan


I am writing to advise that I have decided to list the Islamic State as a terrorist organisation under subsection 102.1(2) of the Criminal Code.

The listing of the Islamic State will replace the current Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) Regulation 2013 which was made with effect from 14 December 2013 and will otherwise sunset on 14 December 2016.

I am satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Islamic State is an organisation directly or indirectly engaged in, preparing, planning, assisting in, fostering or advocating the doing of terrorist acts (whether or not a terrorist act has occurred or will occur). The listing of this organisation will ensure that all offence provisions under Division 102 of the Criminal Code will continue to apply in relation to the Islamic State.

My decision to list the Islamic State was made following careful consideration of information provided by ASIO in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as advice provided by the Australian Government Solicitor.

Section 102.1A of the Criminal Code provides that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may review the regulations listing this organisation as soon as possible after they are made, and report the Committee's comments and recommendations to each House of Parliament before the end of the applicable disallowance period for that House.

To assist the Committee, I enclose a copy of the unclassified Statement of Reasons provided by ASIO in relation to the Islamic State, upon which my decision to list this organisation was based. Additional information detailing the procedure followed for listing the Islamic State will be provided to you upon the registration of the regulation.

The action officer for this matter in my department is Annette Willing

Yours faithfully

(George Brandis)

Encl: ~~State~~ment of Reasons – The Islamic State