



## **Appendix B – Section 29 of the Intelligence Services Act 2001**

### **29 Functions of the Committee**

- (1) The functions of the Committee are:
  - (a) to review the administration and expenditure of ASIO, ASIS and DSD, including the annual financial statements ASIO, ASIS and DSD; and
  - (b) to review any matter in relation to ASIO, ASIS or DSD referred to the Committee by:
    - (i) the responsible Minister; or
    - (ii) a resolution of either House of the Parliament; and
  - (c) to report the Committee's comments and recommendations to each House of the Parliament and to the responsible Minister.
- (2) The Committee may, by resolution, request the responsible Minister to refer a matter in relation to the activities of ASIO, ASIS or DSD (as the case may be) to the Committee, and the Minister may, under paragraph (1)(b), refer that matter to the Committee for review.
- (3) The functions of the Committee do not include:
  - (a) reviewing the intelligence gathering priorities of ASIO, ASIS or DSD; or
  - (b) reviewing the sources of information, other operational assistance or operational methods available to ASIO, ASIS or DSD; or
  - (c) reviewing particular operations that have been, are being or are proposed to be undertaken by ASIO, ASIS or DSD; or
  - (d) reviewing information provided by, or by an agency of, a foreign government where that government does not consent to the disclosure of the information; or
  - (e) reviewing an aspect of the activities of ASIO, ASIS or DSD that does not affect an Australian person; or
  - (f) reviewing the rules made under section 15 of this Act; or
  - (g) conducting inquiries into individual complaints about the activities of ASIO, ASIS or DSD.

Note: For *Australian person* see section 3.

