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Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD
TWO NEW COMMITTEE INQUIRIES

REVIEW OF ASIO'S DETENTION AND QUESTIONING POWERS

When the *ASIO Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Act 2003* was agreed, it contained a sunset clause. The Committee is required to review, by 22 January 2006, the operation, effectiveness and implications of:

- (i) Division 3 Part 111 of the *Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*; and
 - (ii) the amendments made by the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment (Terrorism) Act 2003*, except item 24 of Schedule 1 to that Act (which included Division 3 Part 111 in the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*; and
- (C) To report the Committee's comments and recommendations to each House of Parliament and to the responsible Minister.

The deadline for submissions for this inquiry is **Thursday 24 March 2005**.

REVIEW OF TERRORIST LISTINGS

The *Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Act 2004* requires the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD to review a regulation listing of a terrorist organisation as soon as possible after the making of a regulation and to report the committee's comments and recommendations to each House of the Parliament before the end of the applicable disallowance period, a period of 15 sitting days from the tabling of the regulation. A regulation ceases to have effect on the second anniversary of the day on which it took effect. The following six regulations have been made under this power on the dates specified:

Regulations made on 31 August 2004.

Al-Qa'ida
Jemaah Islamiyyah (JI)

Regulations made on 4 November 2004.

Abu Sayyaf
Armed Islamic Group
Jamiat ul-Ansar (JuA) (formally Harakat Ul-Mujahideen)
Salafist Group

The deadline for submissions for this inquiry is **Monday 24 January 2005**.

Copies of background documents are available for these inquiries from the Committee's web site at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad/index.htm or the secretariat if you do not have access to the internet.

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