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List of abbreviations

ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
ASIS	Australian Secret Intelligence Service
DIGO	Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation
DIO	Defence Intelligence Organisation
DSD	Defence Signal Directorate
IGIS	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
ISA	Intelligence Services Act
ONA	Office of National Assessments



List of recommendations

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Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that Item 64 of Schedule I be amended to remove the requirement that the Deputy Chair must be a Government member; and that section 17(5) be amended to read as follows:

If the Chair is not present at a deliberative meeting of the Committee or is absent for a prolonged period, the members present are to appoint a Government member to preside and the member so appointed may exercise, in relation to the meeting, any of the powers of the Chair.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that, as the regime moves from Ministerial direction to legislated Ministerial authority as proposed in Item 22, it should generally replicate the provisions of and have identical authorisation provisions to those that apply to ASIO.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the heading of Clause 3, Schedule I of the Intelligence Services Act be amended to include DIO, DIGO and ONA.

