



Inquiry into terrorist organisation listing provisions

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will hold public hearings tomorrow and Wednesday on the operation, effectiveness and implications of the power to proscribe terrorist organisations.

The proscription of terrorist organisations is a major component in Australia's response to the threat of international terrorism and the inquiry is the three year post enactment review of the listing regime.

Key witnesses include The Hon Simon Sheller AO QC, Professor George Williams and the Refugee Council who will address the hearings to be held Tuesday 3 April 2007. On Wednesday 4 April, 2007 the Law Council and the Tamil Rights Advocacy Council will give evidence.

VENUE: Parliament House Room 2R1

Tuesday 3 April 2007 2pm - 5.30pm

- 2.00 Hon. Simon Sheller AO QC, Chair of the Security Legislation Review Committee
Mr Ian Carnell, Inspector General of Intelligence and Security
- 3.00 Professor George Williams, Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law UNSW
- 4.00 Mr John A. Gibson, President, Refugee Council of Australia
- 4.45 Dr Mohamed Kadous and Ms Agnes Chong co-convenors, Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network.

Wednesday 4 April 2007 9am – 4.30pm

- 9.00 Mr Mark Kulasingham, Director, Federation of Ethnic Communities
- 9.45 Mr Peter Webb Secretary General Law Council of Australia
- 10.30 Associate Professor Russell Hogg
- 11.15 Dr Patrick Emerton
- 12.00 Mr Balasubramaniam Dr Maheswaran Australian-Tamil Rights Advocacy Council
- 1.30 Mr John von Doussa AO QC Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- 2.30 Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- 3.15 Attorney General's Department
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
Department of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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