



**MEDIA ALERT**

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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

***Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisations***

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**Committee to Review Re-Listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation**

Under section 102.1A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 the Committee may review the regulations, specifying an organisation as a terrorist organisation, as soon as possible after the making of the regulation.

On 25 May 2012 the Committee resolved to review the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO).

The ESO is a discrete branch within Lebanese Hizballah responsible for the planning, coordination and execution of terrorist attacks against Hizballah's enemies outside of Lebanon. Since entering the Lebanese Parliament in 1992 and the Government in 1995, Hizballah has sought to strengthen its public image as a respected resistance movement and lessen its reputation as a terrorist group. This has seen the ESO operate independently of the parent body and become one of the best organised terrorist groups in the world.

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to this review. Submissions are requested to be lodged by Thursday 7 June 2012.

Further detail on this terrorist organisation is contained within the Attorney-General's statement of reasons for the re-listing. This can be accessed via the Committee's website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm>

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