



Refugee Council of Australia

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Ms Jane Hearn
Inquiry Secretary
Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Hearn,

Inquiry into the Terrorist Organisation Listing Provisions of the Criminal Code Act 1995

The Refugee Council of Australia would like to thank the Committee for allowing us the opportunity to present oral evidence at the Public Hearing on 3 April 2007 in Canberra in relation to the above inquiry.

Following the hearing, we have been requested to submit additional information about delays or trends in relation to security assessments of Kurdish claimants from Turkey when accessing the Refugee Status Determination process. We will endeavour to obtain additional information on particular cases and submit it to the Committee. If it is not possible to obtain such detailed information we will let the Committee know.

We would also invite the Committee to conduct a focussed examination of ASIO security assessments under condition 4002 of Schedule 4 to the Migration Regulations. These assessments have a direct relevance to the manner in which the proscription provisions are enforced in the case of persons who are found to be in need of Australia's protection under the Migration Act given the definitional linkages to the proscription provisions of the Criminal Code Act 1995 which appear in the Migration Regulations and the ASIO Act .

In the meantime please don't hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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