



PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on ASIO, ASIS and DSD

ASIO's Questioning and detention powers

**MEDIA ALERT**

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# Report on ASIO's questioning and detention powers

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD will be tabling its review of ASIO's questioning and detention powers in the Senate on **Wednesday 30 November 2005** at approximately **3.30pm**. It will be tabled in the House on the following Monday 5 December 2005.

The committee was required under section 29 (1)(bb) of the Intelligence Services Act to review the operations, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 Part III of the ASIO Act and to report before 22 January 2006. The sunset clause for this provision comes into operation on 22 July 2006. This report is meant to inform the reintroduction of the Act next year prior to the sunset clause.

The Committee has conducted the review over the course of this year, taking both public and private evidence from ASIO, the AFP, the Attorney-General's Department, numerous legal and community groups.

The report will be available in hard copy from the secretariat as soon as it is tabled and will be on the committee's web site at:  
[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad/asio\\_ques\\_detention/report.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad/asio_ques_detention/report.htm)

**For media comment**, contact the Acting Chairman who took carriage of the inquiry, **Senator Alan Ferguson** on **02 6277 3115**.

**For more information**, contact the committee secretariat on **02 6277 4348** or visit the PJCAAD's website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad)