

Australian Government

Australian Government response to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security report:

Review of the relisting of Hizballah's External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code

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Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Government give further consideration to extending the listing to include the military wing of Hizballah.

The Government accepts this recommendation in principle.

The Government is satisfied that the regulations re-listing Hizballah's External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code*, which came into effect on 2 May 2018, are appropriate.

The Government will keep the matter of listing Hizballah's military wing under review and notes that Australian security agencies actively monitor developments to ensure that terrorist organisation listings remain appropriate. Australian security agencies will provide advice to the Minister for Home Affairs in 12 months' time on any change in circumstances which could warrant consideration of broadening the listing of Hizballah's ESO to the Military Wing.