



## **Appendix A – Functions of the Committee**

Section 29 of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*, as at 30 June 2013:

- (1) The functions of the Committee are:
  - (a) to review the administration and expenditure of ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD and ONA, including the annual financial statements of ASIO, ASIS, AGO, DIO, ASD and ONA; and
  - (b) to review any matter in relation to ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD and ONA referred to the Committee by:
    - (i) the responsible Minister; or
    - (ii) a resolution of either House of the Parliament; and
  - (ba) to review, as soon as possible after the third anniversary of the day on which the Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Act 2002 receives the Royal Assent, the operation, effectiveness and implications of amendments made by that Act and the following Acts:
    - (i) the Border Security Legislation Amendment Act 2002;
    - (ii) the Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Act 2002;
    - (iii) the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Act 2002; and
  - (bb) to review, by 22 January 2016, the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979; and

- (c) to report the Committee's comments and recommendations to each House of the Parliament and to the responsible Minister.
- (2) The Committee may, by resolution, request the responsible Minister to refer a matter in relation to the activities of ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD or ONA (as the case may be) to the Committee, and the Minister may, under paragraph (1)(b), refer that matter to the Committee for review.
- (3) The functions of the Committee do not include:
  - (a) reviewing the intelligence gathering and assessment priorities of ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD or ONA; or
  - (b) reviewing the sources of information, other operational assistance or operational methods available to ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD or ONA; or
  - (c) reviewing particular operations that have been, are being or are proposed to be undertaken by ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD; or
  - (d) reviewing information provided by, or by an agency of, a foreign government where that government does not consent to the disclosure of the information; or
  - (e) reviewing an aspect of the activities of ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD or ONA that does not affect an Australian person; or
  - (f) reviewing the rules made under section 15 of this Act; or
  - (g) conducting inquiries into individual complaints about the activities of ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD or ONA; or
  - (h) reviewing the content of, or conclusions reached in, assessments or reports made by DIO or ONA, or reviewing sources of information on which such assessments or reports are based; or
  - (i) reviewing the coordination and evaluation activities undertaken by ONA.