



Reporting date delayed for inquiry into national security Bill

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security has written to the Attorney-General today to advise it intends to present its report on the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 in the week beginning 22 September 2014.

The National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 was referred to the Committee by the Attorney-General on 16 July 2014, with a requested reporting date of 8 September 2014.

The Committee Chair, Mr Dan Tehan MP, explained “while every effort has been made to meet the requested reporting date, given the importance of the Bill and the need to give due consideration to matters raised during the inquiry, the Committee has delayed the presentation of its report until the following sitting fortnight”.

During its inquiry, the Committee has received more than 30 written submissions and has conducted two public hearings. The Committee has continued to receive submissions late in the inquiry process.

The Bill implements many of the bipartisan recommendations made by the Committee in Chapter 4 of its 2013 *Report of the Inquiry into Potential Reforms of Australia’s National Security Legislation*. Chapter 4 included 22 recommendations on reforms to legislation governing the Australian Intelligence Community, including the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* and *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

Further information about the inquiry, including submissions received to date and links to the Bill and its Explanatory Memorandum, can be accessed via the Committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

For media comment, please contact the Office of the Chair, Dan Tehan MP, on 6277 4393 (Parliament House) or 03 5572 1100 (Electorate).

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