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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on ASIO, ASIS and DSD

Review of ASIO's Detention and Questioning Powers

Public hearings for parliamentary review of ASIO's Questioning and Detention Powers

The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Attorney-General's Department and Australian Federal Police will attend tomorrow's (Thursday, May 19) public hearings into ASIO's questioning and detention powers by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD (PJCAAD) in Canberra.

The Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, the Gilbert-Tobin Centre of Public Law and law academic Dr Greg Carne will appear on the second day of public hearings (Friday, 20 May).

Venue: Committee Room 2R1 – Parliament House, Canberra

Thursday 19 May – 9am to 12.30pm.

9:00am ASIO

Attorney-General's Department Australian Federal Police

Friday 20 May – 9am to 1.30pm.

9:00am Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

10:30am Human Rights and Equal opportunity Commission

11.30am Professor George Williams, Gilbert-Tobin Centre of

Public Law

12:30pm Dr Greg Carne

1:30pm Adjournment

For media comment, contact the Acting Chairman, Senator Alan Ferguson on 08 8237 7180. For contact outside work hours ring the House of Representatives media adviser Andrew Dawson on 0401 143 724. The hearings will be broadcast internally on HMS channel 10 and on Radio 98.3

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