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Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula

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# Terms of reference

This inquiry and report is conducted under the following powers:

Criminal Code Act 1995

# Section 102.1A Reviews by Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of listing regulation

- (1) If a regulation made after the commencement of this section specifies an organisation for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of terrorist organisation in section 102.1, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may:
  - (a) review the regulation as soon as possible after the making of the regulation; and
  - (b) report the Committee's comments and recommendations to each House of the Parliament before the end of the applicable disallowance period.

and

**Jabhat al-Nusra:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Jabhat al-Nusra) Regulation* 2013, Registered 28 June 2013 (FRLI: F2013L01217)

**Abu Sayyaf Group:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Abu Sayyaf Group) Regulation 2013,* Registered 11 July 2013 (FRLI: F2013L01353)

**Al-Qa'ida:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Al-Qa'ida) Regulation 2013,* Registered 11 July 2013 (FRLI: F2013L01357)

**Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb) Regulation 2013,* Registered 11 July 2013 (FRLI: 2013L01354)

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant: Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) Regulation 2013, Registered 13 December 2013 (FRLI: F2013L02097)

**Jamiat ul-Ansar:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Jamiat ul-Ansar) Regulation* 2013, Registered 11 July 2013 (FRLI: 2013L01356)

**Jemaah Islamiyah:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Jemaah Islamiyah) Regulation 2013,* Registered 11 July 2013 (FRLI: 2013L01355)

**Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula:** *Criminal Code (Terrorist Organisation – Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula) Regulation 2013,* Registered 25 November 2013 (FRLI: F2013L01969)

# List of abbreviations

AGS Australian Government Solicitor

AQ Al-Qa'ida

AQI Al-Qa'ida in Iraq

AQAP Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula

AQIM Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb

ASG Abu Sayyaf Group

ASIO Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

FRLI Federal Register of Legislative Instruments

IED Improvised explosive devices

ISIL Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

JI Jemaah Islamiyah

JuA Jamiat ul-Ansar

UNSC United Nations Security Council

### List of recommendations

#### 2 The listings

#### Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jabhat al-Nursa as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### **Recommendation 3**

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list al-Qa'ida as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### **Recommendation 4**

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Abu Sayyaf Group as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jamiat ul-Ansar as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### **Recommendation 7**

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jemaah Islamiyah as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

#### **Recommendation 8**

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.