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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the re-listing of Boko Haram and Islamic State as a terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*

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Re-listing of terrorist organisations supported

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) has tabled reports today supporting the continued listing of Boko Haram and Islamic State as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*, and the declaration of Jabhat al-Nusra under the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

The re-listing of Boko Haram and Islamic State, which came into effect in July, make it a criminal offence to be a member of, participate in or provide support to either organisation.

Under section 102.1A of the [Criminal Code](#), the PJCIS may review listings of terrorist organisations and report on the Committee's findings within the 15 sitting day parliamentary disallowance period.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, said "Boko Haram and Islamic State are two of the most bloodthirsty terrorist organisations operating in the world today.

"The Committee was satisfied that Boko Haram and Islamic State continue to meet the relevant thresholds to be listed as terrorist organisations."

The PJCIS has a similar review power under the [Australian Citizenship Act 2007](#), which provides for dual citizens aged over 14 years to lose their Australian citizenship if they engage in certain conduct on behalf a 'declared terrorist organisation'.

The Minister for Immigration's declaration of Jabhat al-Nusra in July 2017 was the second to have taken place under the provisions, the first being Islamic State in May 2016.

"The Committee was satisfied that Jabhat al-Nusra—which is already a listed terrorist organisation—is opposed to Australia, Australia's interests, values, democratic beliefs, rights and liberties, so that if a person were to fight for or be in the service of the organisation the person would be acting inconsistently with their allegiance to Australia", Mr Hastie said.

Further information on each review can be obtained from the Committee's [website](#).

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