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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the listing of Islamic State Khorasan Province and the re-listing of al-Murabitun as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*

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Terrorist organisation listings under review

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security has commenced a review of the listing of **Islamic State Khorasan Province** and the re-listing of **al-Murabitun** as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*.

[Islamic State Khorasan Province](#) is a recognised affiliate of Islamic State and has an estimated membership of up to 11,500 members based in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The group's primary objective is to establish the province of Khorasan (a historic name for the region encompassing Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia) as part of the global caliphate of Islamic State. This is the first time the Australian Government has listed Islamic State Khorasan Province as a terrorist organisation.

[Al-Murabitun](#) is an al-Qa'ida aligned Sunni Islamic extremist group that is committed to implementing Shariah law in West Africa and uniting Muslims and Islamic movements across Africa against non-Muslim and secular influences. The group was first proscribed on 5 November 2014. Since then it has reaffirmed its allegiance to al-Qa'ida, continued to conduct attacks in West Africa and publically pledged to continue to resist secular and non-Muslim influences.

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

The Committee is currently accepting submissions to this review. Submissions should be provided no later than **Thursday, 30 November 2017**.

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

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