



***Review of the listing of Boko Haram as a terrorist organisation***

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**Committee to Review Boko Haram Terrorist Listing**

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will review the listing of Boko Haram as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Criminal Code).

Since 2011, Boko Haram has conducted numerous attacks against Nigerian and foreign interests, including bombings, small arms assaults and kidnappings in pursuit of its principal objective of establishing an Islamic state under Sharia law in Nigeria.

More than 850 deaths have been attributed to attacks by the group this year.

In two separate attacks, at least 225 school girls have been abducted by Boko Haram, including over 200 girls kidnapped from a secondary school on 14 April 2014.

This is the first time the group has been listed as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code.

The listing makes it an offence to direct the activities, become a member of, recruit, train or receive training, get funds to, from or for Boko Haram, and provide support or associate with Boko Haram.

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to this review. Submissions should be received no later than Friday, 15 August 2014.

Further information about Boko Haram is contained within the Attorney-General's statement of reasons, which can be accessed via the Committee's website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

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