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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

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Inquiry into bills establishing Office of National Intelligence

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) has commenced an inquiry into the Office of National Intelligence Bill 2018 and the Office of National Intelligence (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018.

Both bills were introduced to the Parliament on 28 June 2018 and implement recommendations of the 2017 Independent Intelligence Review.

The PJCIS Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, said that “Together, these bills establish the Office of National Intelligence (ONI) as an independent statutory agency within the Prime Minister’s portfolio to lead the National Intelligence Community.”

“The Committee will consider whether the bills reflect the recommendations of the Independent Intelligence Review. In particular, the Committee will examine whether ONI has been given adequate powers and functions to lead a better coordinated and more integrated intelligence community, and look at any impact on the existing roles and statutory functions of the other Australian intelligence agencies.”

The Committee invites written submissions to this inquiry. Submissions should be received no later than **Monday, 30 July 2018**.

The Committee is expected to report by 10 September 2018.

Copies of the Bills and Explanatory Memoranda can be accessed on the Committee’s website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

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