



Public hearing on 'foreign fighters' legislation

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will hold a final public hearing this week to conclude its intensive inquiry into the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014.

The Committee will hear from the Australian Information Commissioner, the Australian Defence Association, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, the Muslim Legal Network and the former National Security Legislation Monitor, Mr Brett Walker SC.

The Foreign Fighters Bill is intended to enhance the capability of agencies to protect the Australian community from the threat of returning foreign fighters and individuals within Australia supporting terrorist organisations.

'The Committee is pleased to have the opportunity to scrutinise this important piece of national security legislation, particularly in the context of the current heightened security environment', said Committee Chair, Dan Tehan MP.

Details of the hearings are as follows:

Wednesday 8 October 2014 – 9.10am to 1.30pm
Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

The hearing will be broadcast live at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

The Committee is conducting an intensive inquiry and will report by 17 October 2014.

Further information about the inquiry, including full programs for the hearings, can be accessed via the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>. The Bill and Explanatory Memorandum can be accessed via http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation.

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