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Ms Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal
and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House
Barton ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dunstone,

**Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs inquiry into the
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2019**

The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the committee's inquiry into the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

ASIO is Australia's national security intelligence service. Our purpose is to protect Australia from violent, clandestine and deceptive efforts to harm its people and undermine its sovereignty. Our key strategic objectives are countering terrorism and the promotion of communal violence; countering espionage, foreign interference and malicious insiders; countering serious threats to Australia's border integrity, and providing protective security advice to government and industry.

The Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill is intended to tighten regulation around cross-border movement of counter-terrorism financing and to clarify the existing communication framework in relation to AUSTRAC information. ASIO welcomes and supports the Bill, and we wish the committee well with the inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Mike Burgess