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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

Public hearing for Counter-Terrorism legislation amendments

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will hold a public hearing today for its inquiry into the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014.

The Committee will hear from the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Australian Human Rights Commission, Muslim Legal Network, NSW Council for Civil Liberties, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, and relevant government agencies.

The Bill includes measures additional to the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fighters) Bill 2014, which was recently reported on by the Committee, including:

- facilitating Australian Secret Intelligence Service support and cooperation with the Australian Defence Force on military operations;
- amending the arrangements for the provision of emergency Ministerial authorisations to IS Act agencies to undertake activities in the performance of their statutory functions; and
- amending the control order regime to allow the Australian Federal Police to seek control orders in relation to a broader range of individuals of security concern and to streamline the application process.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Thursday, 13 November 2014 – 2.30pm to 6.00pm Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

The hearing will be broadcast live (audio only) at: http://www.aph.gov.au/live

The Committee intends to report by 20 November 2014.

Further information about the inquiry, including the full program for the hearing, can be accessed via the Committee's website at http://www.aph.gov.au/picis. The Bill and Explanatory Memorandum can be accessed via http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Bills Legislation.

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