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Mr Dan Tehan MP
Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

**Response to Question on Notice—Review of listing of terrorist organisations under the
*Criminal Code Act 1995***

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee on 30 January 2014 and provide evidence on the listing of terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code.

During the hearing the Department received a question relating to the status of Jabhat al-Nusra under United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1267, which was taken on notice.

I can confirm that Jabhat al Nusrah was included on the UNSC Al-Qaida Sanctions List on 30 May 2013 as an alias of Al-Qaida in Iraq. The List also includes other names by which Jabhat al Nusrah is known: Jabhet al-Nusra, Al-Nusrah Front, The Victory Front and Al-Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant (and the original Arabic script).

The leader of Jabhat al-Nusrah, Abu Mohammed al-Jawlani (and aliases by which he is known), was included on the UN List on 24 July 2013.

The Statement of Reasons prepared by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation in May 2013 includes Jabhat al-Nusrah as an alias of Jabhat al-Nusra.

Yours sincerely

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