



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Parliamentary Joint Committee on
Intelligence and Security report:

Review of the re-declaration of Mosul
District, Ninewa Province, Iraq

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Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the key non-legislative factors considered by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation to guide and prioritise the selection of an area in a foreign country be expanded to include:

- the extent to which the listed terrorist organisation exercises territorial control over the area; and
- other key factors relevant to the declaration of an area

The Government accepts this recommendation. The Government notes that a whole of government approach is taken when selecting an area in a foreign country for consideration for a potential declaration, with non-legislative factors considered by relevant Commonwealth agencies.

The Government will review the *Protocol for declaring an area in a foreign country where a listed terrorist organisation is engaging in a hostile activity under the Criminal Code Act 1995* in response to the Committee's recommendation and to reflect Machinery of Government changes with the creation of the Home Affairs portfolio.