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Senator Claire Chandler
Chair of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Department of the Senate
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Chandler,

The Attorney-General's Department would appreciate an opportunity to make a late submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee's inquiry into the human rights implications of recent violence in Iran.

As the department responsible for administering the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) (Criminal Code), this submission is limited to providing information on terrorist organisation listings in Division 102 of that Act.

Division 102 of the Criminal Code contains a number of offences related to terrorist organisations, including the offence of directing the activities of, being a member of, recruiting for, providing funds to, from or for, training with or providing training for a terrorist organisation.

The Attorney-General's Department is of the view that, as an organ of a nation state, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps is not the kind of entity that is covered by the terrorist organisation provisions in the Criminal Code.

I trust this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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