



Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation

Committee to review re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will review the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Criminal Code).

The ESO is a discrete branch within Hizballah responsible for the planning, coordination and execution of terrorist attacks against Hizballah's enemies outside of Lebanon.

The re-listing came into effect on 2 May 2015. This represents the fifth consecutive time the organisation has been re-listed under the Criminal Code since its initial listing in 2003.

Listing of an organisation under the Criminal Code makes it an offence to direct the activities of, be a member of, recruit for, train for and receive training from that organisation. It is also a criminal offence to get funds to, from or for, provide support to and associate with members of that organisation.

Under section 102.1A of the Criminal Code, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may review listings of terrorist organisations and report on the Committee's findings within the 15 sitting day parliamentary disallowance period.

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to this review. Submissions should be received no later than **Wednesday, 27 May 2015**.

Further information about the ESO and the re-listing process are contained within the Attorney-General's submission, which can be accessed via the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

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