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ASIO response to Question on Notice from PJCIS public hearing on Hizballah ESO on 10 June 2021

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Question

Mr Burgess, the position that ASIO takes today that there would be no harm to your operational capability from a listing of the entire organisation of Hizballah. Is that a different position to one that ASIO has taken in the past? For example when it was previously considering the listing in 2018?

Response

ASIO assesses there would be no significant harm to our operational capability, were the listing to be broadened. Any impacts could be managed within ASIO's existing legislative framework.

This position reflects the nature of the current security environment, and the legal authorities and capabilities that ASIO has available to address consequential impacts.