

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on ASIO, ASIS and DSD

Re-listing of banned terrorist organisations

Report on banned terrorist organisations tabled

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD today (Tuesday 9 August, 2005) tabled the report of its inquiry into the re-listing of banned terrorist organisations:

- Ansar al-Islam;
- Asbat al-ansar;
- The Egyptian Islamic Jihad;
- The Islamic Army of Aden;
- Jaish-e-Mohammad;
- Lashkar-e Jhangvi; and
- The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan.

The committee reviewed the procedure and criteria used for listing the organisations, which were first banned under the Criminal Code in 2003. These regulations cease to have effect after two years.

When tabling A review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations, Acting Chairman Senator Alan Ferguson said that the committee was satisfied with the re-listings process.

"The committee was pleased to receive unclassified Statements of Reasons from ASIO outlining why it felt each organisation should be re-listed, and was satisfied that the Government was developing a more efficient and comprehensive process of listing terrorist organisations," Senator Ferguson said.

The report was also tabled in the House of Representatives by committee member Stewart McArthur.

The report is available at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad/terrorist_listingsb/.

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