Review of the listing of four terrorist organisations (tabled 5 September 2005)

Recommendation 1:

The Committee requests ASIO and the Attorney-General to specifically address each of the six criteria referred to in paragraph 3.2 in all future statements of reasons particularly for new listings.

Response:

The six criteria are among a range of factors ASIO considers when making its preliminary evaluation of whether to put an organisation forward for possible listing as a terrorist organisation.

Section 102.1(2) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (the Criminal Code) requires that the Attorney-General must be satisfied 'on reasonable grounds that the organisation is directly or indirectly engaged in, preparing, planning, assisting in or fostering the doing of a terrorist act (whether or not the terrorist act has occurred or will occur) or advocates the doing of a terrorist act (whether or not the terrorist act has occurred or will occur). The Statement of Reasons is designed to specifically address the legislative requirement for listing a terrorist organisation.

Recommendation 2:

The Committee does not recommend disallowance of these regulations

Response

The Government agrees with the recommendation