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Terms of reference

This review is conducted under paragraph 29(1)(a) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*:

- to review the administration and expenditure of ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD and ONA, including the annual financial statements (of) ASIO, ASIS, DIGO, DIO, DSD and ONA.



List of abbreviations

ADF	Australian Defence Force
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AIC	Australian Intelligence Community
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANSTO	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
APS	Australian Public Service
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
ASIS	Australian Secret Intelligence Service
CMC	Crime and Misconduct Commission
DEWHA	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
DIAC	Dept of Immigration and Citizenship
DIDP	DIO Intelligence Development Program
DIGO	Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation
DIO	Defence Intelligence Organisation
DSA	Defence Security Authority
DSD	Defence Signals Directorate
EPBC	Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation

FMA Act	Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997
GEOINT	Geo-spatial Intelligence
HR	Human Resources
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IGIS	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
ISL	Integrated Leadership System
NAA	National Archives of Australia
NABERS	National Australian Built Environment Rating System
NCA	National Capital Authority
NCTC	National Counter-Terrorism Committee
NESO	New Employee Support Officer Program
NIP	National Intelligence Priorities
OIGIS	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
ONA	Office of National Assessments
OSA	Organisational Suitability Assessment
PFADS	Defence Performance Feedback and Assessments Scheme
PJCIS	Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
PJCLE	Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement
PSM	Protective Security Manual
QPS	Queensland Police Service
SES	Senior Executive Service
TIA Act	Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979
TSPV	Top Secret Positive Vetting
UK	United Kingdom



List of recommendations

1 The eighth review of administration and expenditure

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Intelligence Services Act 2001 be amended to include AFP counter-terrorism elements in the list of organisations that the Committee reviews.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Government agree to amending the *Intelligence Services Act 2001* to enable specific material which does not affect current operational activity to be provided to the Committee. A small working group drawn from relevant Departments, Agencies and the Committee should be set up to prepare this amendment for consideration by the Government.

2 Administration

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government monitor resources allocated to e-security to ensure they are adequate.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government review the medium and long term accommodation requirements of those members of the Australian Intelligence Community presently housed in multiple locations in Canberra. Where multiple locations for a single agency

diminish operational effectiveness or efficiency, consideration should be given to planning alternative longer term accommodation at the one site.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that, should the proposal to amend the open access period of the *Archives Act 1983* proceed, consideration should be given to special provisions for AIC documents to be exempted, on a case by case basis, from release at 20 years.

3 Expenditure

Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government review the potential adverse effects of the efficiency dividend on the Australian Intelligence Community having particular regard to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit report *The efficiency dividend and small agencies: Size does matter*.

Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends that the *Intelligence Services Act 2001* be amended to include a provision requiring the ANAO to report to the Committee on its reviews of the AIC.

Recommendation 8

The Committee recommends that, due to the increased activities of the Australian Intelligence Community and the additional functions required of the IGIS, the budget of the Office of the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security be increased.

