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Mr Robert Little
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Parliamentary Joint Committee on
Intelligence and Security
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Little

Government responses to Committee reports

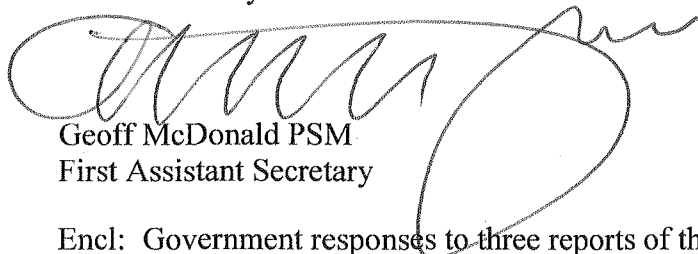
I refer to reports of the Committee tabled during 2012 following the Committee's reviews of the making of Criminal Code Amendment Regulations 2012 re-listing terrorist organisations:

- Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam (AAI), Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ) as terrorist organisations (tabled on 28 May 2012)
- Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (tabled on 28 June 2012), and
- Review of the re-listing of Five Terrorist Organisations (Al Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Palestinian Islamic Jihad) (tabled on 10 October 2012).

Attached are the Government responses to these reports. Arrangements are currently being made for these Government responses to be tabled in Parliament.

Should you require further information about this matter, please contact Laura Munsie by telephone on 6141 2974 or by e-mail at laura.munsie@ag.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Encl: Government responses to three reports of the Committee

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam (AAI), Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ) as terrorist organisations

Tabled 28 May 2012

Government's Response to Committee's Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Ansar al-Islam as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 2:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 3:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 4:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ) as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

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

Tabled 28 June 2012

Government's Response to Committee's Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Hizballah's External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the re-listing of Five Terrorist Organisations (Al Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Palestinian Islamic Jihad)

Tabled 10 October 2012

Government's Response to Committee's Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Al-Shabaab as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 2:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassasm Brigades as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 3:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list the Kurdistan Workers Party as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 4:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list the organisation Lashkar-e-Tayyiba as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.

Recommendation 5:

The Committee recommends that the regulation, made under the Criminal Code section 102.1, to list the organisation Palestinian Islamic Jihad as a terrorist organisation not be disallowed.

Response:

The Government agrees with the recommendation.