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Terms of reference

This inquiry and report is conducted under the following powers:

Criminal Code Act 1995

Section 102.1A Reviews by Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of listing regulation

- (1) If a regulation made after the commencement of this section specifies an organisation for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of terrorist organisation in section 102.1, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security may:
 - (a) review the regulation as soon as possible after the making of the regulation; and
 - (b) report the Committee's comments and recommendations to each House of the Parliament before the end of the applicable disallowance period.

And

Criminal Code Amendment Regulations 2005 (No 1)

Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No.3

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- 30 March 2007 - JeM (FRLI Ref No. F2007L00712)
- 30 March 2007 - LeJ (FRLI Ref No. F2007L00713)
- 30 March 2007 - EIJ (FRLI Ref No. F2007L00851)
- 30 March 2007 - IAA (FRLI Ref No. F2007L00848)
- 30 March 2007 - AAA (FRLI Ref No. F2007L00847)
- 30 March 2007 - IMU (FRLI Ref No. F2007L00850)

List of recommendations

2 The Listing

Recommendation 1

The Committee does not recommend the disallowance of the regulations made to proscribe the following organisations: Ansar al-Sunna, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Islamic Army of Aden, Asbat al-Ansar, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan.

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