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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, IMU, JeM and LeJ as terrorist organisations

Report into Re-Listing of Four Terrorist Organisations tabled

The PJCIS's Report *Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi* was tabled in the House of Representatives on 28 May 2012.

Under section 102.1A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 the Committee may review the regulations, specifying an organisation as a terrorist organisation, as soon as possible after the making of the regulation. The four organisations reviewed were:

- **Ansar al-Islam** and **Asbat al-Ansar** are extremist groups which continue to engage in terrorist activity in Iraq.
- **The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan** continues to engage in terrorist activity in Afghanistan in support of the Taliban and other Islamic extremist groups.
- **Jaish e Mohammed** is an extremist organisation based in Pakistan which continues to engage in terrorist activity in Kashmir including hijacking, bombings, abductions and training.
- **Lashkar-e Jhangvi** is based in Pakistan and has close ties to Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) which is also listed as a terrorist organisation under Australia's counter-terrorism laws and is believed to be responsible for the Mumbai terrorist attacks in November 2008.

The Committee recommended that each of these organisations should continue to be listed as terrorist organisations.

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