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### PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

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## Statement on terrorist attack in London

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security strongly condemns today's attack on Westminster.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to the victims of this heinous crime.

The attack is both an indiscriminate crime against innocent persons and an attack against the institutions of democracy that underpin our free and fair society, both in the United Kingdom and in Australia.

The Committee values Australia's international cooperation with key security allies and strongly supports measures to protect national security.

Recognising the changing threat environment and the increased risk of lone attackers, the Committee has worked very hard on reforms to strengthen Australia's national security laws. The Committee will continue to work to ensure our agencies have appropriate powers and the resources they need to respond to the ongoing terrorist threat and keep Australians safe.

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