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What are the key areas that need additional oversight?

**Answer:**

Existing inspection activities were modified and new inspection activities were established to take account of new and recently amended legislative provisions, which included:

- the new ASIO identified person warrants and other amendments to ASIO warrants
- special intelligence operations
- the use of force against persons by ASIO
- class authorisations and other exceptions to the requirement for ASIS to obtain individual authorisation to produce intelligence on an Australian person, and
- emergency authorisation provisions.