



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security report:
Review of the listing and re-listing of eight organisations as terrorist
organisations under the Criminal Code

April 2026

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the Australian Government engage proactively with the Palestinian-Australian community, and with Australian organisations that are providing or are likely to provide humanitarian aid or other assistance to people in Gaza; to disseminate guidance and promote an accurate understanding of the legal scope of, and policy limits on, offences arising from the listing of Hamas under the Criminal Code.

Response: The Government **accepts** this recommendation, noting that Government agencies do not provide legal advice to private citizens.

Recommendation 2: The Committee recommends that, within 12 months of tabling this report, relevant Government agencies brief the Committee on the impact of the listing of Hamas, particularly in relation to humanitarian assistance, engagement with the Palestinian diaspora in Australia, and other governmental activities relating to Gaza.

The Committee notes that it also proposes to seek briefings from relevant non-government organisations as part of its monitoring in this regard, particularly in relation to engagements at the community level between people and organisations in Australia and Gaza.

Response: The Government **accepts** this recommendation, noting that with the passage of time, it is a matter for the Committee whether a briefing is of assistance.