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PUBLIC HEARING OF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION MONITOR

THE OPERATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPLICATIONS OF TERRORISM-RELATED CITIZENSHIP LOSS PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE *AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT 2007*

Date: Thursday, 27 June 2019
Time: 9:00am
Location: QT Hotel (Eureka Room) – 1 London Circuit, Canberra

Dr James Renwick CSC, SC, the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM) will hold a public hearing as part of his review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of terrorism-related citizenship loss provisions contained in the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* in Canberra on 27 June.

The INSLM is responsible for the ongoing review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Australia's counter-terrorism and national security legislation.

The Attorney-General, the Hon Christian Porter MP, has referred for the INSLM's review; the operation, effectiveness and implications of the terrorism-related citizenship loss provisions in the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* (the Act). The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) is to undertake and report on its own review of these provisions by 1 December 2019. The INSLM is requested to report by **15 August 2019** so that the report is available in time to assist the work of the PJCIS. The INSLM has the benefit of previous reports by the First INSLM and the PJCIS on these topics.

This public hearing will address the following sections of the Act:

Section 33AA: Renunciation of citizenship by conduct

Section 35: Service in enemy armed forces or a 'declared terrorist organisation'

Section 35AA: Declaration of a Terrorist Organisation by the Minister for Home Affairs

Section 35A: Conviction for terrorism and related offences

The media are invited to film and photograph the opening session (9:00 – 10:30am), which includes opening remarks from Dr Renwick SC. Representatives from government agencies will also provide opening statements.

The public hearing will include presentations from government agencies, the legal profession, academics and public interest groups. This will include:

- *Linda Geddes, Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator - Department of Home Affairs*
- *Deputy Commissioner Leanne Close APM- Australian Federal Police*

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- *Sarah Chidgey, Deputy Secretary Integrity and International Group – Attorney-General's Department*
- *James Larsen, A/g Deputy Secretary International Security, Humanitarian and Consular Group – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*
- *Edward Santow, Human Rights Commissioner - Australian Human Rights Commission*
- *Prof Kim Rubenstein FAAL FASSA- College of Law, Australian National University (private capacity)*
- *Arthur Moses SC, President - Law Council of Australia*
- *Dr John Coyne, Head of Border Security Program - Australian Strategic Policy Institute (private capacity)*
- *Dr Isaac Kfir, Director of National Security Program and Head of Counter-Terrorism Policy Centre - Australian Strategic Policy Institute (private capacity)*
- *Dr Rayner Thwaites, Senior Lecturer in Public and Administrative Law – The University of Sydney (private capacity)*

Journalists are welcome to observe the duration of the public hearing, noting that any enquiries should be directed to the relevant agency (*A copy of relevant media contacts will be available at the public hearing*).

To register, please email Alexander Blackwell at INSLM@inslm.gov.au by **COB Monday, 24 June 2019** and provide the following information:

- Name
- Organisation
- Role e.g. journalist, photographer, camera, sound
- Mobile
- Email

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