

A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and people sitting on a bench. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning to a dark blue at the top. The silhouettes of palm trees are visible in the foreground and background. In the lower part of the image, several people are sitting on a bench, looking out at the ocean. A white diagonal line runs from the top left corner towards the center. The word 'APPENDICES' is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered in the middle of the image. A large white letter 'A' is positioned in the top right corner.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: agency resource statement

	Actual available appropriation 2017-18 \$'000	Payments made 2017-18 \$'000	Balance remaining 2017-18 \$'000
ORDINARY ANNUAL SERVICES¹			
Departmental appropriation			
Prior year appropriation ²	67 000	67 000	-
2017-18 appropriation	421 767*	390 000	31 767
Section 74 relevant agency receipts ³	30 176	25 892	4284
2017-18 capital budget	68 575*	53 575	15 000
Cash on hand	17 338	(6214)	23 552
Total ordinary annual services	604 856	530 253	74 603
OTHER SERVICES			
Departmental non-operating ⁴			
Equity injections	14 939*	8541	6398
Total other services	14 939	8541	6398
TOTAL NET RESOURCING AND PAYMENTS FOR ASIO	619 795	538 794	

¹ Appropriation Bill (No. 1) & Appropriation Bill (No. 3).

² Includes an amount of \$5.0m from 2016-17 for the Departmental Capital Budget.

For accounting purposes this amount has been designated as 'contributions by owners'.

³ \$22.795m per Portfolio Budget Statement plus \$7.381m underestimate at time of PBS.

⁴ Appropriation Bill (No. 2) & Appropriation Bill (No. 4).

* as per Portfolio Budget Statements.

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Appendix B: expenses by outcomes

Outcome 1: To protect Australia, its people and its interests from threats to security through intelligence collection, assessment and advice to Government.	Budget* 2017-18 \$'000	Actual Expenses 2017-18 \$'000	Variation 2017-18 \$'000
Program 1.1: Security Intelligence			
Departmental expenses			
Appropriation ¹	421 767	421 767	(0)
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year	84 126	89 515	(5389)
Total for Program 1.1	505 893	511 282	(5389)
Total expenses for Outcome 1	505 893	511 282	(5389)

* as per Portfolio Budget Statements including adjustments made at Additional Estimates and reductions under PGPA Act section 51.

¹ Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Act Nos 1 and 3) including reductions under section 51 of the PGPA Act and Retained Revenue Receipts under section 74 of the PGPA Act 2013.

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Appendix C: workforce statistics

Full-time equivalent actual

2016-17	1794.3
2017-18	1814.9

Head count of staff by load and employment status

	2016-17			2017-18		
	Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Total	Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Total
Full-time	1611	12	1623	1640	10	1650
Part-time	240	18	258	260	21	281
Casual	N/A	50	50	N/A	49	49
Total	1851	80	1931	1900	80	1980

Notes:

- Data includes the Director-General.
- Non-ongoing employees do not include locally engaged staff and secondees.

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Head count of staff by gender and employment status

	2016-17				2017-18			
	Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Casual	Total	Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Casual	Total
Female	844	10	14	868	882	8	12	902
Male	1007	20	36	1063	1018	23	37	1078
Total	1851	30	50	1931	1900	31	49	1980

Notes:

- Data includes the Director-General.
- Non-ongoing employees do not include locally engaged staff and secondees.

Head count of employees by classification and employment status

		2016-17				2017-18			
		Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Casual	Total	Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Casual	Total
Senior Executive Service	Director-General	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	SES Band 3	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4
	SES Band 2	11	0	2	13	12	0	3	15
	SES Band 1	34	2	1	37	37	2	1	40
Senior officers	AEE2/3	175	3	1	179	187	5	1	193
	AEE1	365	3	3	371	407	5	3	415
Employees	AE1 to AE6 (including technical specialists)	1263	22	43	1328	1252	19	41	1312
Total		1851	30	50	1931	1900	31	49	1980

Notes:

- Data includes the Director-General.
- Non-ongoing employees do not include locally engaged staff and secondees.

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Head count of employees by location and employment status

		2016-17				2017-18			
		Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Casual	Total	Ongoing	Non-ongoing	Casual	Total
Canberra-based		1320	18	37	1375	1358	23	36	1417
Other locations		531	12	13	556	542	8	13	563
Total		1851	30	50	1931	1900	31	49	1980

Notes:

- Data includes the Director-General.
- Non-ongoing employees do not include locally engaged staff and secondees.

Diversity of ASIO employees showing head count and percentage

	2016-17		2017-18	
Available data	1805	93.5%	1862	94.0%
Identify as Indigenous	12	0.7%	10	0.5%
People with a disability	19	1.1%	20	1.1%
Non-English-speaking background	324	18.0%	333	17.9%

Notes:

1. Percentage of available data calculated using the total head count.
2. Percentages of employees identifying as Indigenous, with a disability, or from a non-English-speaking background calculated using the head count of available data.
3. Data includes the Director-General and excludes secondees, locally engaged staff and contractors.
4. Provision of EEO data is voluntary. Data is considered 'available' if a staff member has provided information on at least one diversity category.

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Appendix D: ASIO's salary classification structure

Senior Executive Service

SES Band 3	\$324 136 minimum point
SES Band 2	\$252 195 minimum point
SES Band 1	\$201 756 minimum point

Senior employees

AEE3	\$155 230
AEE2	\$131 172–155 230
AEE1	\$114 445–127 893

Employees

AE6	\$90 042–101 459
AE5	\$81 464–87 451
AE4	\$74 229–79 658
AE3	\$65 650–71 746
AE2	\$57 749–63 952
AE1	\$49 837–55 352

Intelligence employees

IE	\$90 042–101 459
IE trainees	\$81 464–95 912

Information technology employees

SITEA	\$155 230
SITEB	\$131 172–155 230
SITEC	\$114 445–127 893
ITE2	\$90 042–101 459
ITE1	\$78 421–86 215

Engineers

SIE(E)5	\$155 230
SIE(E)4	\$131 172–155 230
SIE(E)3	\$114 445–127 893
SIE(E)2	\$90 042–101 459
SIE(E)1	\$78 421–86 215

Notes: Figures at 30 June 2018. The salary figures include a 7.5 per cent service allowance. The service allowance is paid to all employees and recognises the imposition of security, professional and personal restrictions applicable to working in ASIO.

Appendix E: report of the Independent Reviewer of Adverse Security Assessments

The Independent Reviewer, **Robert Cornall AO**, conducts an independent advisory review of ASIO adverse security assessments furnished to the Department of Home Affairs on persons who remain in immigration detention, having been found by the department to be owed protection obligations under international law and to be ineligible for a permanent protection visa or who have had their permanent protection visa cancelled because they are the subject of an adverse security assessment.

The Independent Reviewer's terms of reference are available at www.ag.gov.au/asareview.

The terms of reference provide for an initial primary review of each adverse security assessment and subsequent periodic reviews every 12 months for the duration of that assessment.

In performing his task, the Independent Reviewer examines all ASIO material that ASIO relied on in making the adverse assessment as well as other relevant material, which may include submissions or representations made by the eligible person. The Independent Reviewer closely considers the overall security environment, which is informed by ASIO's contemporary assessment of security threats, and any changes to the applicant's circumstances or ideology during their time in detention.

There were no matters falling within the Independent Reviewer's terms of reference on 1 July 2017, and no new matters were referred to the Independent Reviewer during the year.

The Independent Reviewer's appointment is due to expire on 1 September 2018. Go to www.ag.gov.au/asareview for more information.

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Appendix F: report on use of questioning warrants and questioning and detention warrants

ASIO is required under section 94 of the ASIO Act to provide in its annual report, details of its use of questioning warrants and question and detention warrants during this reporting period. The details are provided in the following table.

Subsection	Description	2016-17	2017-18
94(1)(a)	The total number of requests made under Division 3 of Part III to issuing authorities for the issue of warrants under that division during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(b)	The total number of warrants issued under that division during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(c)	The total number of warrants issued under section 34E during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(d)	The number of hours each person appeared before a prescribed authority for questioning under a warrant issued under section 34E, and the total of all those hours for all those persons, during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(e)	The total number of warrants issued under section 34G during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(f)(i)	The number of hours each person appeared before a prescribed authority for questioning under a warrant issued under section 34G during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(f)(ii)	The number of hours each person spent in detention under such a warrant during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(f)(iii)	The total of all those hours for all those persons during this reporting period	0	0
94(1)(g)	The number of times each prescribed authority had persons appear for questioning before them under warrants issued during this reporting period	0	0

List of annual report requirements under schedule 2 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule

Below is the table set out in Schedule 2 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (PGPA) Rule. Subsection 17AJ(d) of the Rule requires annual reports of Australian Government entities to include this table as an aid for accessibility.

PGPA Rule reference	Description	Requirement	Part of this report
17AD(g)	Letter of transmittal		
17AI	A copy of the letter of transmittal signed and dated by an accountable authority on the date final text was approved, with a statement that the report has been prepared in accordance with section 46 of the PGPA Rule and any enabling legislation that specifies additional requirements of the annual report	Mandatory	Letter of transmittal
17AD(h)	Aids to access		
17AJ(a)	Table of contents	Mandatory	Preliminaries
17AJ(b)	Alphabetical index	Mandatory	Appendices
17AJ(c)	Glossary of abbreviations and acronyms	Mandatory	Appendices
17AJ(d)	List of requirements	Mandatory	Appendices
17AJ(e)	Details of contact officer	Mandatory	Preliminaries
17AJ(f)	Entity's website address	Mandatory	Preliminaries
17AJ(g)	Electronic address of report	Mandatory	Preliminaries
17AD(a)	Review by an accountable authority		
17AD(a)	A review by the entity's accountable authority	Mandatory	Part 1
17AD(b)	Overview of the entity		
17AE(1)(a)(i)	A description of the entity's role and functions	Mandatory	Part 2
17AE(1)(a)(ii)	A description of the entity's organisational structure.	Mandatory	Part 2
17AE(1)(a)(iii)	A description of the entity's outcomes and programs administered.	Mandatory	Part 2
17AE(1)(a)(iv)	A description of the entity's purposes as included in ASIO's corporate plan.	Mandatory	Part 2

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PGPA Rule reference	Description	Requirement	Part of this report
17AE(1)(b)	An outline of the structure of the portfolio of the entity.	Mandatory for portfolio departments	N/A
17AE(2)	Where the outcomes and programs administered by the entity differ from any Portfolio Budget Statement, Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement or other portfolio estimates statement that was prepared for the reporting period, details of the variation and reasons for changes are provided	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AD(c)	Report on the performance entity <i>Annual performance statements</i>		
17AD(c)(i); 16F	Annual performance statement in accordance with paragraph 39(1)(b) of the PGPA Act and section 16F of the PGPA Rule	Mandatory	Part 4
17AD(c)(ii)	Report on financial performance		
17AF(1)(a)	A discussion and analysis of the entity's financial performance	Mandatory	Part 4
17AF(1)(b)	A table summarising the entity's total resources and total payments	Mandatory	Appendices A and B
17AF(2)	If there may be significant changes in the financial results during or after the previous or current reporting period, information on those changes are provided, including: the cause of any operating loss of the entity; how the entity has responded to the loss and the actions that have been taken in relation to the loss; and any matter or circumstances that can reasonably be anticipated will have a significant impact on the entity's future operation or financial results	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AD(d)	Management and accountability <i>Corporate governance</i>		
17AG(2)(a)	Information on compliance with section 10 (fraud systems)	Mandatory	Letter of transmittal and Part 5
17AG(2)(b)(i)	Certification by an accountable authority that fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans have been prepared	Mandatory	Letter of transmittal
17AG(2)(b)(ii)	Certification by an accountable authority that appropriate mechanisms for preventing, detecting incidents of, investigating or otherwise dealing with, and recording or reporting fraud that meet the specific needs of the entity are in place	Mandatory	Letter of transmittal

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PGPA Rule reference	Description	Requirement	Part of this report
17AG(2)(b)(iii)	Certification by an accountable authority that all reasonable measures have been taken to deal appropriately with fraud relating to the entity	Mandatory	Letter of transmittal
17AG(2)(c)	An outline of structures and processes in place for the entity to implement principles and objectives of corporate governance	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(2)(d)–(e)	A statement of significant issues reported to the minister under paragraph 19(1)(e) of the PGPA Act that relates to non-compliance with finance law and action taken to remedy non-compliance	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
	External scrutiny		
17AG(3)	Information on the most significant developments in external scrutiny and the entity's response to the scrutiny	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(3)(a)	Information on judicial decisions and decisions of administrative tribunals and by the Australian Information Commissioner that may have a significant effect on the entity's operations	If applicable, mandatory	Part 5
17AG(3)(b)	Information on any reports on operations of the entity by the Auditor-General (other than report under section 43 of the Act), a Parliamentary Committee, or the Commonwealth Ombudsman	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AG(3)(c)	Information on any capability reviews on the entity that were released during the period	If applicable, mandatory	Part 5
	Management of human resources		
17AG(4)(a)	An assessment of the entity's effectiveness in managing and developing employees to achieve entity objectives	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(4)(b)	Statistics on the entity's APS employees on an ongoing and non-ongoing basis; including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ statistics on staffing classification level; ▶ statistics on full-time employees; ▶ statistics on part-time employees; ▶ statistics on gender; ▶ statistics on staff location; and ▶ statistics on employees who identify as Indigenous. 	Mandatory	Appendix C
17AG(4)(c)	Information on any enterprise agreements, individual flexibility arrangements, Australian workplace agreements, common law contracts and determinations under subsection 24(1) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i>	Mandatory	Part 5

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PGPA Rule reference	Description	Requirement	Part of this report
17AG(4)(c)(i)	Information on the number of SES and non-SES employees covered by agreements etc. identified in paragraph 17AD(4)(c)	Mandatory	Appendix C
17AG(4)(c)(ii)	The salary ranges available for APS employees by classification level	Mandatory	Appendix D
17AG(4)(c)(iii)	A description of non-salary benefits provided to employees	Mandatory	N/A
17AG(4)(d)(i)	Information on the number of employees at each classification level who received performance pay	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AG(4)(d)(ii)	Information on aggregate amounts of performance pay at each classification level	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AG(4)(d)(iii)	Information on the average amount of performance payment, and range of such payments, at each classification level	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AG(4)(d)(iv)	Information on the aggregate amount of performance payments	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
Assets management			
17AG(5)	An assessment of effectiveness of assets management where asset management is a significant part of the entity's activities	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
Purchasing			
17AG(6)	An assessment of entity performance against the Commonwealth Procurement Rules	Mandatory	Part 5
Consultants			
17AG(7)(a)	A summary statement detailing the number of new contracts engaging consultants entered into during this reporting period; the total actual expenditure (inclusive of GST) on all new consultancy contracts entered into during this reporting period; the number of ongoing consultancy contracts that were entered into during the previous reporting period; and the total actual expenditure (inclusive of GST) on the ongoing consultancy contracts in this reporting period	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(7)(b)	A statement that 'During [reporting period], [specified number] new consultancy contracts were entered into involving total actual expenditure of \$[specified million]. In addition, [specified number] ongoing consultancy contracts were active, involving total actual expenditure of \$[specified million]'	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(7)(c)	A summary of the policies and procedures for selecting and engaging consultants and the main categories of purposes for which consultants were selected and engaged	Mandatory	Part 5

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PGPA Rule reference	Description	Requirement	Part of this report
17AG(7)(d)	A statement that 'Annual reports contain information about actual expenditure on contracts for consultancies. Information on the value of contracts and consultancies is available on the AusTender website'	Mandatory	Part 5
	Australian National Audit Office access clauses		
17AG(8)	If an entity entered into a contract with a value of more than \$100 000 (inclusive of GST) and the contract did not provide the Auditor-General with access to the contractor's premises, the report must include the name of the contractor, purpose and value of the contract, and the reason why a clause allowing access was not included in the contract	If applicable, mandatory	Part 5
	Exempt contracts		
17AG(9)	If an entity entered into a contract or there is a standing offer with a value greater than \$10 000 (inclusive of GST) which has been exempted from being published in AusTender because it would disclose exempt matters under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI Act), the annual report must include a statement that the contract or standing offer has been exempted, and the value of the contract or standing offer, to the extent that doing so does not disclose the exempt matters	If applicable, mandatory	Part 5
	Small business		
17AG(10)(a)	A statement that '[Name of entity] supports small business participation in the Commonwealth Government procurement market. Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and Small Enterprise participation statistics are available on the Department of Finance's website'	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(10)(b)	An outline of the ways in which the procurement practices of the entity support small and medium enterprises	Mandatory	Part 5
17AG(10)(c)	If the entity is considered by the Department administered by the Finance Minister as material in nature—a statement that '[Name of entity] recognises the importance of ensuring that small businesses are paid on time. The results of the Survey of Australian Government Payments to Small Business are available on the Treasury's website'	If applicable, mandatory	Part 5
	Financial statements		
17AD(e)	Inclusion of the annual financial statements in accordance with subsection 43(4) of the Act	Mandatory	Part 6

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PGPA Rule reference	Description	Requirement	Part of this report
17AD(f)	Other mandatory information		
17AH(1)(a)(i)	If the entity conducted advertising campaigns, a statement that, 'During [reporting period], the [name of entity] conducted the following advertising campaigns: [name of advertising campaigns undertaken]. Further information on those advertising campaigns is available at [address of entity's website] and in the reports on Australian Government advertising prepared by the Department of Finance. Those reports are available on the Department of Finance's website'	If applicable, mandatory	Part 5
17AH(1)(a)(ii)	If the entity did not conduct advertising campaigns, a statement to that effect	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AH(1)(b)	A statement that, 'Information on grants awarded to [name of entity] during [reporting period] is available at [address of entity's website]'	If applicable, mandatory	N/A
17AH(1)(c)	An outline of mechanisms of disability reporting, including reference to a website for further information	Mandatory	Part 5
17AH(1)(d)	A website reference to where the entity's Information Publication Scheme statement pursuant to Part II of FOI Act can be found	Mandatory	N/A (FOI exempt)
17AH(1)(e)	Correction of material errors in the previous annual report	If applicable, mandatory	Appendices
17AH(2)	Information required by other legislation	Mandatory	Appendices

List of annual report requirements under other legislation

ASIO is required by section 94 of the ASIO Act to include in its annual report, details on its use of questioning warrants and questioning and detention warrants; special intelligence operations authorities; and authorisations for telecommunications data.

Requirement	Refer to
Statement on questioning warrants and questioning and detention warrants	Appendix F
Statement on special intelligence operations authorities	Appendix G
Statement on authorisations for telecommunications data	Appendix H

To comply with the determination issued to ASIO by the Minister for Finance under section 105D of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, Appendices G and H have been deleted from the version of the annual report tabled in parliament to avoid prejudice to ASIO's activities.

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Correction of errors in 2016–17 annual report

Our 2016–17 annual report stated that there were 1751 people with available EEO data and nine people with a disability in 2016–17. The correct figures are 1750 and 19 respectively.

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Abbreviations and short forms

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AASB—Australian Accounting Standards Board

AAT—Administrative Appeals Tribunal

ABF—Australian Border Force

ACSC—Australian Cyber Security Centre

AE—ASIO employee

AEE—ASIO executive employee

AGSVA—Australian Government Security Vetting Agency

AIC—Australian Intelligence Community

ANZCTC—Australia–New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee

ASEAN—Association of Southeast Asian Nations

ASIO Act—*Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*

ASIO2020—ASIO’s strategic organisational reform program

ASIO—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

ASIO-T4—ASIO’s Protective Security Directorate

B

BGLU—Business and Government Liaison Unit

C

CRS—Contact Reporting Scheme

CSS—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

D

DCB—Departmental Capital Budget

DIBP—Department of Immigration and Border Protection

E

e-Learning—ASIO’s intranet-based learning software program

F

FIRB—Foreign Investment Review Board

FOI Act—Freedom of Information Act

FRR—Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Financial Reporting) Rule 2015

G

GC18—Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

GRU—former Russian military intelligence agency

GST—Goods and services tax

H

HSR—ASIO’s Health and Safety Representative network

I

ICT—information and communications technology

IE—intelligence employees

IGIS—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

INSLM—Independent National Security Legislation Monitor

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IS-EA—Islamic State—East Asia

ISIL—Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

ITE—information technology employee

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JAD—Jemaah Anshorut Daulah

JCTT—Joint Counter Terrorism Team

JMB—Jama'at Mujahideen Bangladesh

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N

NCFIC—National Counter Foreign Interference Coordinator

NTAC—National Threat Assessment Centre

NV1—Negative Vetting 1 security clearance

NV2—Negative Vetting 2 security clearance

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ONI—Office of National Intelligence

P

PBS—Portfolio Budget Statement

PGPA—Public Governance, Performance and Accountability

PGPA Act—*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*

PJCIS—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

PSS—Public Sector Superannuation Scheme

PSSap—Public Sector Superannuation Scheme accumulation plan

PV—Top Secret 'positive vetting' security clearance

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SCEC—Security Construction and Equipment Committee

SES—senior executive service

SIE(E)—specialist intelligence employee (engineer)

SITE—senior information technology employee

SME—small and medium enterprises

STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

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TS—Top Secret

TS(PV)—Top Secret 'positive vetting' security clearance

Glossary

adverse security assessment—ASIO recommends that a particular prescribed administrative action be taken or not taken which would be prejudicial to the interests of the person, such as the refusal of a visa or cancellation of a passport.

communal violence—violence between different groups or individuals in the Australian community that endangers the peace, order or good government of the Commonwealth.

Contact Reporting Scheme—The Contact Reporting Scheme is a whole-of-government counter-espionage strategy managed by ASIO as part of the Commonwealth Government Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF), and is one of a number of mechanisms designed to protect privileged information. The scheme not only facilitates assessment of foreign intelligence collection interests, but also protects Australian Government staff when in contact with foreign nationals of potential security interest.

foreign interference—activities relating to Australia that are conducted by, or on behalf of, a foreign power; are directed or subsidised by a foreign power; or are undertaken in active collaboration with a foreign power. These activities:

- A. involve a threat to any person; or
- B. are clandestine or deceptive and:
 - ▶ are conducted for intelligence purposes;
 - ▶ are conducted for the purpose of affecting political or governmental processes; or
 - ▶ are otherwise detrimental to the interests of Australia.

espionage—the theft of Australian information or capability by individuals either acting on behalf of a foreign power or with the intent of providing information to a foreign power in order to provide that foreign power with an advantage.

extremism—any ideology or world view that is advanced through the use of violence and that is relevant to Australia's security.

extremist—an extremist is an individual who or group that is or has been involved in violent activities relevant to Australia's security.

foreign fighters—Australians who have participated in foreign conflicts or undertaken training with extremist groups overseas.

foreign power—a foreign government, or an entity that is directed or controlled by a foreign government or governments, or a foreign political organisation.

ideology—the set of beliefs, ideas and ideals characteristic of a social group or individual, or forming the basis of an economic or political theory.

investigation—the processes involved in collecting, correlating and evaluating information on known harmful activities and emerging security risks. The purpose of ASIO's security investigations is to develop insights that inform government decision-making and enable preventative action, including by partner agencies.

Islamism—a political ideology that holds that Islam provides a complete and self-contained social, political, religious and legal system that should be implemented in existing Muslim societies.

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Islamist—a person who believes in Islamism.

Islamist extremist—a person who uses violence or advocates the use of violence in the pursuit of extreme Islamist objectives.

jihadist—commonly used as a noun to refer to a person involved in violent jihad.

lone actors—an individual who conducts, or plans to conduct, a disruptive and typically violent activity for political or religious motives. At the time the action is performed, they act independently of real-world accomplices.

malicious insiders—trusted employees and contractors who deliberately breach their duty to maintain the security of privileged information, techniques, technology, assets or premises.

non-prejudicial assessment—an assessment where ASIO does not have security concerns about the proposed action.

Operation Silves—the July 2017 disruption of a plot to use an improvised explosive device against an Etihad flight departing Sydney and a potential plot to use toxic gas in a terrorist attack.

qualified security assessment—ASIO does not make a prejudicial recommendation but does communicate information, an opinion or advice that is, or could be, prejudicial to the interests of the person in relation to the contemplated prescribed administrative action.

radicalisation—the process by which an individual's beliefs move from mainstream views (those commonly accepted by the majority within a society) towards more marginal views (those less widely accepted or not accepted by the majority within a society). Radicalisation occurs across a spectrum, and some individuals may become radicalised sufficiently to advocate or use violence to effect societal or political change.

terrorism—a tactic that can be employed by any group or individual determined to use violence to achieve or advance a political goal.

violent extremism—any ideology or world view that is advanced through the use of violence and that is relevant to Australia's security; violent extremism is unlawful.

violent extremist—an extremist who or group that is, or has been, involved in violent activities relevant to Australia's security.

Zone 5 facilities—Zone 5 areas are used for the storage, handling, processing or discussion of information classified TOP SECRET; codeword information; or large quantities of other information where the compromise, loss of integrity or unavailability of the aggregate of the information would have a catastrophic business impact. Some Zone 5 areas are also accredited by the Australian Signals Directorate as a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

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