

30 January 2015

To: Chairperson, Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence

Dear Chairperson,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 January 2015, and for drawing our attention to the press statement of 21 January 2015.

We had hoped that the question of open hearings on this matter would have been beyond doubt, but as we understand from the press statement issued on 21 January, the JSCI is still to meet to deliberate on this question.

Considering the importance and public interest in this matter, we urge the Committee to give public clarity on when it will take a decision on this matter, and further to publish a timeline of how the process will unfold.

We would also request that if there any doubts exist within the JSCI on the merits and importance of an open process, that the Committee consider taking representations on the matter before deciding on a closed process.

Sincerely,

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