

**INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (REVIEW) AMENDMENT BILL: FIRST
READING
LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT
Presented to the House in accordance with Standing Order 272**

Overview

This legislative statement supports the first reading of the Intelligence and Security (Review) Amendment Bill (the Bill). The Bill amends the Intelligence and Security Act 2017 (the Act) in order to bring forward a review of the intelligence and security agencies and the Act.

The intelligence and security agencies are the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service and the Government Communications Security Bureau.

Section 235 of the Act requires a review of the Act to be commenced as soon as practicable after September 2022, being five years after the Act commenced, and then every five to seven years thereafter. This Bill would instead require the review to start as soon as practicable on or after 1 July 2021. This will allow the issues with the Act that were raised in the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain to be addressed as soon as possible as part of the review of the Act and the intelligence and security agencies.