



Joint Committee on Human Rights

The Rt Hon. the Lord Beamish
Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee of
Parliament
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Proscription and sharing of evidence with Intelligence and Security Committee

Dear Lord Beamish,

I am writing to you in my position as Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights. Our Committee has recently exchanged correspondence with the Security Minister, Dan Jarvis MP, regarding the Government's approach to proscription of groups involved in terrorism under the Terrorism Act 2000. This subject is of interest to us because proscription may have implications for human rights, particularly the rights to free expression and free assembly of those who support some proscribed groups or the causes they espouse.

[In our last letter to the Minister on this issue, dated 22 January 2026](#), we asked about the sharing of intelligence regarding the proscription of the group Palestine Action with the Intelligence and Security Committee, of which you are Chair. More specifically, we sought clarification after we had been told in [an earlier letter](#) that "following the decision to proscribe Palestine Action, [the Minister] can confirm that briefings have been provided to the ISC at its request". We asked if the Minister could confirm when these briefings were provided to the ISC. In particular, we asked whether they were provided to the ISC before or after the decision to proscribe Palestine Action was made by the Home Secretary? We also asked, if they were provided *after* the proscription decision, whether they were provided before or after Parliament voted on the Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2025?

In his [19 February 2026 response](#) to these questions, the Minister noted with us that "the Intelligence and Security Committee conducts its work in private due to the classified nature of the subject matter — this includes details of interactions between the Committee and Ministers." The Minister explained that, as a result, he was unable to provide us with any further details and encouraged us instead to engage directly with the ISC.

It is for this reason that I am now writing to you in your position as Chair of the ISC to request if you could please assist us with answers to the above questions that we originally put to the Minister.



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Yours Sincerely,

Lord Alton of Liverpool
Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights