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THE SENATE

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

(Amendment to be moved by Senator Brown (AG) in committee of the whole)

(1) Schedule 1, item 24, page 12 (after line 21), after subsection (1), insert:

(1A) Where the person in respect of whom a warrant is proposed to be issued in accordance with this Division is a journalist, a warrant must not be issued unless:

(a) there are reasonable grounds for believing that the warrant is essential to the collection of intelligence that is important in relation to a terrorism offence; and
(b) the intelligence cannot be collected by any other means; and
(c) it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.

Note: A journalist is defined in the Broadcasting Services Act 1922 as a person engaged in the profession or practice of reporting for, photographing, editing, recording or making:

(a) television or radio programs; or
(b) datacasting content;

of a news, current affairs, information or documentary character.

[warrants relating to journalists]