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New Independent National Security Legislation Monitor

Attorney-General Christian Porter today announced that Mr Grant Donaldson SC would be appointed Australia's acting Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM).

The INSLM independently reviews the operation, effectiveness and implications of Australia's national security and counter-terrorism laws.

The Government continues to modernise and strengthen legislation to address the evolving terrorist and espionage threat at home and abroad.

"The INSLM has an important role in reviewing legislation as to whether the laws contain appropriate protections, are proportionate to terrorism or national security threats and remain necessary," the Attorney-General said.

"Mr Donaldson will be appointed for an initial period of three months while preparatory arrangements for his permanent appointment are made.

"An eminent barrister with experience in commercial, private and criminal law, Mr Donaldson brings a wealth of legal and public policy expertise to the role."

Mr Donaldson served as the Solicitor-General for Western Australia from 2012 to 2016, and has held senior leadership positions in the Western Australian Bar Association and the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia. A former Rhodes Scholar, Mr Donaldson is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, and has been a Visiting Fellow at the Law School of the University of Western Australia since 1991.

The Attorney-General congratulated Mr Donaldson on his appointment and thanked Dr James Renwick CSC SC for his valuable contribution in reviewing Australia's national security and counter-terrorism laws, over the course of his term.

For more information about the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor, visit www.inslm.gov.au

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