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Jacqui Lambie

Media Statement

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Lambie releases Halal Senate Speech to YouTube

(Click below to watch Senator Jacqui, deliver her speech about Halal certification to the Australian Senate)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FoJQn-SEF4>

Independent Senator for Tasmania Jacqui Lambie today released her pull no punches speech about the rules governing Halal Certification in Australia and our military strategy in Iraq.

“My office has been flooded with requests from Australians for me to investigate the use of Halal certification money, which the media are now reporting, amounts to trillions of dollars each year worldwide.” said Senator Lambie

“So I commissioned an independent parliamentary library study ([see attached](#)) to try and establish whether the Australian Halal money could be used to fund Islamic terrorists fighting our troops in Iraq. The answers I received back from the Library were surprising.” Said Senator Lambie.

“The Parliamentary library brief read:

“Importantly, it is for each certifying organisation to set the amount of its fees. Some certifying organisations publish the relevant fee on their website.¹ Others do not. There is no legal requirement that these fees are to be disclosed.”

And even more disturbingly the Library brief goes on to state – and I quote:

“As halal certification is undertaken on a purely commercial basis, there is no formal reporting or auditing mechanism to ascertain whether monies paid for certification are misused.” said Senator Lambie

I’d like our Federal Government to tell us what they are doing to ensure that the Halal certification money collected in Australia, doesn’t end up paying for weapons and ammunition for Islamic State fighters and terrorists in Iraq and Syria.

If the government doesn’t give that guarantee, then I’ll prepare my own Private Members’ Bill which will make the millions of dollars collected in Australian Halal certification monies more accountable and less likely to be used by our nation’s enemies.” said Senator Lambie.

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Attached – Parliamentary Study – Halal certification.