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All Australians will have been shocked and outraged by the terrorist attacks in Karachi and Istanbul over the weekend, in which innocent travellers and worshippers have been brutally murdered.

The Australian Government unequivocally condemns such terrorist acts. We deplore the loss of innocent lives.

We express our profound sympathy to those who have been injured and to the families of those who lost their lives.

The Government made approaches earlier this year to a number of governments, including our traditional allies and a number within our region, seeking avenues for increased co-operation in the fight against international terrorism. Those approaches have been positively received.

In addition, the Government has actively pursued broad-based counter-terrorist measures in international organisations such as the United Nations, the International Civil Aviation Organisation and the International Maritime Organisation, as well as within the context of the Commonwealth.

To ensure that Australia is able to deal with any terrorist actions within our own boundaries, we have put this nation's counter-terrorist response capabilities under review, and the resulting report will shortly be considered by the Government.

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