

# **List of Recommendations**

## **Recommendation 1**

**2.19** The committee recommends that the government use funding found through efficiencies to increase evidence based preventative health measures aimed at reducing the burden of chronic conditions in the future.

## **Recommendation 2**

**2.35** The committee recommends that the government commit to provide additional resources to progress the review of Medicare Benefits Schedule item numbers being undertaken by the Medical Services Advisory Committee.

## **Recommendation 3**

**2.64** The committee strongly recommends that the government does not implement co-payments for GP consultations and emergency department services.

## **Recommendation 4**

**2.71** The committee recommends that the government review health data collected with a view to: consolidating data held by different departments across different levels of government; and collecting data on the value of preventative healthcare and the primary care function of GPs.

## **Recommendation 5**

**2.76** The committee recommends that the government explore the effectiveness of the safety nets relating to medicines and primary care, including the consideration of potential options for improving access and reducing out-of-pocket costs to patients.

## **Recommendation 6**

**3.32** The committee recommends services for low-income and vulnerable groups be quarantined from any government spending cuts.

## **Recommendation 7**

**3.33** The committee recommends that the government actively consult with the community sector before undertaking any changes to targeting or prioritisation of funding in social services and disclose potential changes under consideration as part of this consultation.

## **Recommendation 8**

**3.38** The committee recommends that the welfare review being undertaken by Mr Patrick McClure be released to the public once it has been provided to government.

## **Recommendation 9**

**3.40** The committee recommends that any efficiencies found as a result of recommendations by the National Commission of Audit or the Welfare Review being undertaken by Mr Patrick McClure be reinvested in providing services such as those required to support people with a disability to enter or re-enter the workforce.

## **Recommendation 10**

**4.40** The committee recommends that the government does not reduce or remove the penalty rate system.

## **Recommendation 11**

**4.42** The committee recommends that the government ensure workers affected by jobs losses in the industry and manufacturing sectors have early access to information, support and opportunities to retrain and reskill.

## **Recommendation 12**

**4.43** The committee recommends that in regions affected by job losses from the manufacturing sector, the government investigate opportunities for public-private partnerships for projects that would provide a future workforce as well as retraining and reskilling opportunities.

## **Recommendation 13**

**4.45** The committee recommends that the government recognise the individual and community benefits of the solar industry by retaining the Renewable Energy Target.

## **Recommendation 14**

**4.49** The committee recommends that there are no further cuts to jobs in the Australian public service.

## **Recommendation 15**

**4.51** The committee recommends that in the event that further cuts are made to public service staffing numbers, the government confirm the total number of jobs to be cut, the timeline (over the forward estimates) of these cuts, the rationale for these cuts and any impact on resources available for the purposes of policy development, contract management and program and service delivery.