

List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

2.74 The committee recommends that the Fair Work Ombudsman implement a program of inspection for ships with foreign seafarers, to verify that the wages paid on board accord with Australian legal requirements.

Recommendation 2

2.75 The committee recommends that the Australian Government provide adequate funding to the Fair Work Ombudsman to implement an inspection program of ships with foreign crews, to assess the payment of wages.

Recommendation 3

3.60 The committee recommends that the Australian Government implement clear guidelines and procedures to direct authorities on how to respond to deaths that occur on shipping vessels travelling in or to Australian waters, including how to engage with a vessel's flag state in a timely manner to progress appropriate investigations.

Recommendation 4

3.61 The committee recommends that the Australian Government consider any possible amendments to legislation governing federal investigative authorities, to provide clarity on jurisdictional responsibility for investigating deaths at sea, when they occur on shipping vessels travelling in Australian waters. The Australian Government should progress jurisdictional issues with the states and the Northern Territory at COAG to ensure satisfactory outcomes.

Recommendation 5

5.36 The committee recommends the re-establishment of the Maritime Workforce Development Forum, or a similar advisory body. The advisory group would comprise a variety of key maritime industry stakeholders and provide advice to government on new Australian shipping policies and workforce development and training opportunities.

Recommendation 6

5.61 The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake a focussed and targeted review of the Australian maritime industry, with a view to growing and supporting the Australian maritime industry and developing policies that appropriately manage the operation of flag of convenience vessels in Australian waters.

Recommendation 7

5.62 The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake a comprehensive whole-of-government review into the potential economic, security and environmental risks presented by flag of convenience vessels and foreign crews.

