RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

3.31 The committee recommends that the terms of reference for the Immigration Health Advisory Group (IHAG) should explicitly state that IHAG's role includes the oversight and monitoring of health services to offshore entry persons in regional processing countries.

Recommendation 2

3.32 The committee recommends that the terms of reference for IHAG should include provision for IHAG to:

- **access processing facilities in regional processing countries to conduct monitoring and oversight activities;**
- **meet with offshore entry persons in processing centres in regional processing countries (with the consent of those people); and**
- **review the implementation of recommendations it makes, or other professional health organisations make, and provide further advice on the implementation of those recommendations.**

Recommendation 3

3.33 The committee recommends that the Department of Immigration and Citizenship should be required to consult with IHAG on the development and design of all aspects of the Australian Government's policy to send asylum seekers to regional processing countries.

Recommendation 4

3.34 The committee recommends that IHAG's terms of reference should include the requirement that IHAG provide the Minister with a report on its work at least every six months, and that the Minister make that report publicly available.

Recommendation 5

3.35 The committee recommends that the Minister table in the parliament a response to all reports by IHAG, within three months of those reports being made public.

Recommendation 6

3.36 The committee recommends that the health expertise represented on IHAG should also include a representative from a disability organisation.

Recommendation 7

3.37 The committee recommends that the Senate should not pass the Bill.