

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

6.20 The committee recommends that the Government should not proceed with further co-payments.

Recommendation 2

6.21 The committee recommends that the Government undertake a comprehensive review of the impact of existing co-payments on individuals' access to health services and health outcomes. The review should pay particular attention to the impact on the most vulnerable groups in the community.

Recommendation 3

6.22 The committee recommends that the Government review the impact and effectiveness of existing safety nets to ensure that current safeguards provide adequate protection to the most vulnerable in the community.

Recommendation 4

6.26 The committee recommends that the Government review the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to identify areas where efficiencies can be gained, with particular reference to the following areas:

- current procurement and pricing structures, with particular reference to examining benchmarking as a mechanism to explore the extent to which savings could be achieved;**
- effective monitoring and review of GP prescribing practices to ensure dispensed medications are cost effective and evidence based; and**
- evaluation of the prevalence of patient non-adherence to prescribed medication, with particular reference to identifying reasons for non-adherence.**

Recommendation 5

6.32 The committee recommends that the Government review existing models for funding and delivery of primary healthcare with a view to identifying opportunities for improved service delivery and health outcomes.

