

List of Recommendations

Recommendation 1

2.64 The committee recommends that the government include broader representation on the National Commission of Audit in order for a wider range of perspectives to be included in the process.

Recommendation 2

2.68 The committee recommends that the National Commission of Audit make public all submissions it has received, with the exception of those where a request has been made for confidentiality.

Recommendation 3

2.70 The committee recommends that the National Commission of Audit make public a full list of meetings that the commission or its secretariat has been involved in. The list of meetings should include the names of the attendees at the meeting, the date of the meeting and who requested the meeting.

Recommendation 4

2.72 The committee recommends that the National Commission of Audit make public the full declarations of conflicts of interests signed by the commissioners, and the times when commissioners were excluded from discussions or receiving submissions due to conflicts of interest.

Recommendation 5

2.76 The committee recommends that the government adopt a longer timeframe for the National Commission of Audit to complete its work, in the interests of comprehensive stakeholder consultation, more rigorous analysis, and so that the Australian community understands the commission's recommendations and the context in which they are made.

Recommendation 6

3.61 The committee recommends that the government broaden the remit of the National Commission of Audit to include explicit consideration of government revenue.

Recommendation 7

3.63 The committee recommends that the commission look at current tax expenditure to find possible areas of budgetary savings for the Commonwealth.

Recommendation 8

3.68 The committee recommends that in the event of savings measures being accepted by government, they should be appropriately timed so any unintended consequences can be addressed in a measured way and the government is better able to respond to any rapid changes in the domestic and international environments. These savings measures should also be examined by the appropriate Senate committees prior to their implementation.

Recommendation 9

3.71 The committee recommends that any recommendations made by the National Commission of Audit to privatise services be subject to a full cost-benefit analysis which examines the effect on services, costs to the public, and jobs.

Recommendation 10

3.76 The committee recommends that along with the publication of the commission's reports, the government provide detail on how the target in the terms of reference of a surplus of 1 per cent of GDP was selected, and detail of any alternative modelling that may have been used by the commission.