

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

3.55 The committee recommends that, as part of the arrangements for ACFA monitoring of the reforms that are recommended by the committee in chapter 4, evidence be sought on any impacts of the design of the fee scales on care recipient welfare.

Recommendation 2

3.64 The committee recommends that the government closely monitor the take up of home care packages and any signs of changes to demand for HACC-type packages.

Recommendation 3

4.65 The committee recommends that the Minister direct the ACFA to report regularly to the Minister on the impact of the reforms on providers (for example, the number and distribution of care recipients choosing DAPs and RADs). ACFA's brief should include specific consideration of the impacts on different types of providers (e.g. current low-care-only providers, small providers, and rural providers).

Recommendation 4

4.66 The committee recommends that the Government immediately put in place arrangements to monitor the impact on low care providers, and prepare to make available transitional support along the lines recommended by the Productivity Commission, including support services for providers seeking assistance in transitioning to the new system.

Recommendation 5

5.21 The committee recommends that the government consider amending the legislation to create a statutory timeline to make a decision regarding whether industry will be subject to a levy to recoup a loss.

Recommendation 6

6.24 The committee recommends that the dementia supplement be renamed as the *Dementia and Behavioural Supplement*, in both residential and home care.

Recommendation 7

6.28 The committee recommends that the bill be amended to include parents separated from their children by former adoption practices.

Recommendation 8

6.40 The committee recommends that the government create a Homeless Supplement.

Recommendation 9

6.53 The committee recommends that the Senate amend the bill in the terms described in the government's tabled amendment.

Recommendation 10

6.67 The committee recommends that the ministers responsible for Disability Care Australia and the aged care reforms acknowledge the issue identified in the both Senate committee inquiries into these reforms, and urges ministers to continue their work to ensure that the two systems meet the needs of all people ageing with disability.

Recommendation 11

7.31 The committee recommends that the government examine whether it may be appropriate to revise the Supplement Guidelines to permit in some circumstances the use of the workforce supplement in meeting employee entitlements.

Recommendation 12

7.55 The committee recommends that references to the workforce supplement be retained as they appear in the proposed legislation.

Recommendation 13

8.25 It is recommended that ACFA be established by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing as a committee under section 96-3 of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.