

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

2.38 The committee recommends that the government continues the implementation of the NQF in accordance with the time frames set down and agreed to by COAG.

Recommendation 2

2.44 The committee recommends that the government examine and undertake to provide additional resources directly to small rural and regional early childhood services to ensure they continue to meet quality standards, and attract and retain professional staff.

Recommendation 3

2.59 The committee recommends the rating system be retained.

Recommendation 4

3.41 The committee recommends that the government reinstate the Early Years Quality Fund to assist educators in meeting the training requirements set out in the National Quality Framework.

Recommendation 5

3.42 The committee recommends that the government immediately initiate a review of low wages in the early childhood education and care sector and report on the role of government in lifting wages to a professional level in line with the skills and qualifications required of educators.