

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

2.15 The committee recommends that the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill be revised and reissued to explain clearly that the Bill's proposed new exemption:

- applies only to documents prepared by departments and agencies for the 'dominant purpose' of providing information to the Parliamentary Budget Office or the Parliamentary Budget Officer relating to a confidential request, and that it does not apply to documents prepared or held by those departments and agencies in the ordinary course of their business or activities; and
- is modelled on the existing exemption under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* for Cabinet documents.

Recommendation 2

2.16 Subject to Recommendation 1, the committee recommends that the Senate pass the Bill.

