

Additional Remarks from Government Members of the Committee

1.1 Government Senators, because of other Senate Committee commitments, were unable to participate in this Inquiry.

1.2 Government members question how this subject is a matter for the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee which, by its charter, deals with legal and constitutional issues, and matters for which the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection have responsibility.

1.3 Government Senators note that the report of the majority correctly identifies COAG at paragraph 1.14 as the responsible entity to pursue this matter.

**Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald
Deputy Chair**

**Senator Dean Smith
Senator for Western Australia**

