

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

4.138 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth government prioritises strengthening the national integrity framework in order to make it more coherent, comprehensible and accessible.

Recommendation 2

4.140 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth government gives careful consideration to establishing a Commonwealth agency with broad scope and jurisdiction to address integrity and corruption matters.

Recommendation 3

4.145 The committee encourages the Senate to review the question of a national integrity commission following the release of the Open Government Partnership review and the Griffith University and Transparency International Australia et al research, with a view to making a conclusive recommendation based on the evidence available at that time.

Recommendation 4

4.151 The committee recommends that the Parliament considers making available to the Parliamentary Joint Committees on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity and Law Enforcement, as needed, a Parliamentary Counsel or Advisor to assist them in their important roles.

Recommendation 5

4.153 The committee recommends that, if a national integrity agency is established, the Parliament appoints a Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner to provide advice on matters of ethics to senators and members.

Recommendation 6

4.156 The committee recommends that the Senate and the House of Representatives diligently use their Privileges Committees where it is alleged that a senator or member has acted improperly and contrary to parliamentary privilege.

Recommendation 7

4.162 The committee recommends the Commonwealth government considers implementing measures to strengthen the application of the *Statement of Ministerial Standards*, including measures to improve the identification, investigation and punishment of breaches.

