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Senator Lambie asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:

Senator LAMBIE: That is okay. I have finished that part of the questioning. Attorney-General, I want to go back to the detox for our children who are on ice. I want to know what you personally think about my idea of giving the parents the right to be able to involuntarily detox their own children.

Senator Brandis: It is something that I would like to think about. It was not, so far as I am aware, a recommendation of the National Ice Taskforce. Let me check that, but I am not aware that it was a recommendation of the National Ice Taskforce. Let me consider it and perhaps have a conversation with you about it, so we can have a full discussion.

Senator LAMBIE: Did the National Ice Taskforce recommend the ice rooms?

Senator Brandis: I will just get a brief up to the committee room. I do not have in the brief here the National Ice Taskforce's recommendations. Perhaps we could revisit that after the morning tea break. I will have it checked in the meantime.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The National Ice Taskforce did not recommend mandatory treatment for children that are addicted to ice, or the introduction of supervised ice inhalation rooms in Australia.

The National Ice Taskforce released its final report on 6 December 2015.