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**Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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Answers to questions on notice from the Veterans' Affairs portfolio**

Question 19

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Topic: Suicide – Senate Inquiry recommendations

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Senator Jacqui Lambie asked:

Senator LAMBIE: How many of the 23 recommendations from the 2017 review on veteran suicide have been implemented fully?

Ms Cosson: Do you mean The constant battle, the Senate inquiry?

Senator LAMBIE: That would be the one.

Ms Cosson: I've got a breakdown against each of the recommendations, but—

Senator LAMBIE: Are they in full? Have the recommendations been finished in full? My count is that at least seven—and I'm being extremely kind here—have been completely ignored.

Ms Cosson: I'd suggest they haven't been completely ignored.

Senator LAMBIE: Okay.

Ms Cosson: But if I can take that on notice—

Senator LAMBIE: That would be great.

Ms Cosson: because we've got a complete breakdown of all of the recommendations and what we're doing, so that might be helpful.

Senator LAMBIE: That would be wonderful.

Answer

The 2017 Senate Inquiry report *The Constant Battle: Suicide by Veterans* made 24 recommendations. The Government agreed to 22 recommendations, and agreed-in-principle to two recommendations.

Considerable progress has been made in implementing the Government response to the report.

A copy of actions taken in response to the recommendations is available on the Department of Veterans' Affairs website at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/reviews/government-reports>