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Are agencies obliged to accept recommendations?

Answer:

No.

Section 24 of the *Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986* requires agency heads to give the IGIS details of any action the agency head takes or proposes to take as a result of the conclusions and recommendations set out in an IGIS report. If the IGIS forms the view that an agency head does not take, within a reasonable period, action that is adequate and appropriate in the circumstances, the IGIS may discuss the matter with the responsible Minister and prepare a report relating to that matter, with a copy to be given to the Prime Minister.