

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

2.53 The committee recommends that the Department of Health and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare establish an expert group and progress their work to develop an alcohol and other drugs treatment waitlist item as part of the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set.

Recommendation 2

2.81 The committee recommends that Commonwealth, state and territory health departments ensure adequate pre- and post-care services are provided in partnership with residential treatment programs.

Recommendation 3

2.85 The committee recommends that Australian governments individually and collectively develop and implement plans to increase the capacity of residential rehabilitation across Australia in a way that ensures equitable access.

Recommendation 4

2.109 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, as a matter of priority, establish a national quality framework for all alcohol and other drug treatment services including public, not-for-profit and for-profit residential rehabilitation.

Recommendation 5

2.111 The committee recommends that the development of a national quality framework for alcohol and other drug treatment services is undertaken in partnership with representatives of the alcohol and other drug treatment sector.

Recommendation 6

2.150 The committee recommends Australian governments, in partnership with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, establish nationally consistent datasets and regular reporting of illicit drug use in Australia's correctional facilities.

Recommendation 7

3.38 The committee recommends that Australian governments continue to advance collaboration with Indigenous communities and Indigenous health experts to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate alcohol and other drug treatment services.

Recommendation 8

3.48 The committee recommends Australian governments ensure specialised alcohol and other drug treatment services are available to people with young children in all jurisdictions.

Recommendation 9

4.52 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth government ensures that future public awareness campaigns engender compassion towards drug users, and are targeted at and inform those people with the objective of encouraging them to seek treatment and support.

Recommendation 10

4.55 The committee recommends that the Australian Press Council develops and implements media reporting standards for coverage of drug use.

Recommendation 11

5.28 The committee recommends that the Department of Health considers using 2016 Census and National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program data to determine the allocation of National Ice Action Strategy funding for 2019–20.

Recommendation 12

5.36 The committee recommends that the Department of Health ensures that Public Health Network's conduct future tender processes with realistic timeframes and at appropriate times of year.

Recommendation 13

5.73 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth, state and territory governments re-balance alcohol and other drug funding across the three pillars of the National Drug Strategy (supply, demand and harm reduction strategies).

Recommendation 14

5.75 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth government refers to the Productivity Commission an inquiry into the costs and benefits of the National Drug Strategy as it is currently implemented.

Recommendation 15

5.87 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth government, under section 298 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, ensures Confiscated Assets Account funds are equitably allocated to crime prevention, law enforcement, drug treatment and diversionary measures.