

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the government should proceed with the development of a Universal Service Obligation (USO) tendering scheme with a view to determining if there is a serious commitment from industry to participate in such arrangements.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the government should review the appropriateness of the standard call zones, having regard to demographic and technological change.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the government should monitor the performance of carriers in this area and make sure that mobile location indicators for the emergency call service are appropriately implemented.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the government seek advice from the ACCC on any procedural changes it would recommend to improve the effectiveness of the competitive regime.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the government undertake ongoing consultations with appropriate groups regarding the development of the 'prescribed criteria'.

Recommendation 6

The Committee reports to the Senate that it has considered the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 1998, the Telecommunications

(Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Bill 1998, the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 1998, the Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Amendment Bill 1998 and the NRS Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 1998 and recommends that the Bills proceed.