RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

6.11 The committee recommends that AHPRA should issue a letter of apology to practitioners who were deregistered because of the problems revealed by the inquiry and, where it is established a lapse or delay in registration took place, AHPRA should reimburse practitioners for any loss of direct Medicare payments.

Recommendation 2

6.12 The committee recommends that AHPRA should rectify any situation where a practitioner is left liable due to their professional indemnity insurance lapsing, or being voided, during a period where they were deregistered by AHPRA's administrative failings.

Recommendation 3

6.17 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government seek the support of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to undertake a regular review of the registration of overseas trained health practitioners.

Recommendation 4

6.18 The committee recommends that AHPRA establish Key Performance Indicators in relation to the registration of overseas trained health practitioners and provide detailed information on this matter in its annual report.

Recommendation 5

6.20 The committee recommends that complaints processing within AHPRA be reviewed to ensure more accurate reporting of notifications and to reduce the impact of vexatious complaints on health practitioners.

Recommendation 6

6.22 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government seek the support of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to identify and establish mechanisms to improve the accountability of AHPRA to the parliaments of all jurisdictions and the Australian public.

Recommendation 7

6.24 The committee recommends that AHPRA, as a matter of urgency, establish consultative groups with professional organisations and health providers.

Recommendation 8

6.26 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government seek the support of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to amend the National Law to provide AHPRA with a discretion to grant a grace period where a health practitioner faces deregistration as a result of administrative error by AHPRA.

Recommendation 9

6.28 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government seek the support of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to amend the National Law to provide further practicing classifications for practitioners in academic institutions and for those who practise in a limited manner.

Recommendation 10

6.30 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government seek the support of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to implement a review of the mandatory notifications requirements and in particular take into account the Western Australia model of mandatory reporting.