

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

3.17 The committee recommends that the operation of the measures implemented by the bills be continuously monitored and publicly reported on annually through the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage reporting framework.

Recommendation 2

3.18 The committee recommends that the Northern Territory Emergency Taskforce make publicly available its strategic communications plan as well as other operational plans, within six months, and the long term plans being developed in relation to the intervention, within 12 months; and that information regarding significant revisions to these plans should be provided in the Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report.

Recommendation 3

3.19 The committee recommends that the operation of the measures implemented by the bills be the subject of a review two years after their commencement, particularly to ascertain the impact of the measures on the welfare of Indigenous children in the Northern Territory. A report on this review should be tabled in Parliament.

Recommendation 4

3.20 The committee recommends that a culturally appropriate public information campaign be conducted, as soon as possible, to allay any fears Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory may hold, and to ensure that Indigenous people understand how the measures in the bills will impact on them and what their new responsibilities are.

Recommendation 5

3.21 The committee recommends that the Australian government develop, as a matter of high priority, explanatory material to assist people to understand what is meant in practical terms by the phrases 'a quantity of alcohol greater than 1350 millilitres' and 'unsatisfactory school attendance'.

Recommendation 6

3.22 The committee recommends that the Australian Government should closely examine the need for additional drug and alcohol rehabilitation services in the Northern Territory and, if necessary, provide additional funding support to those services.

Recommendation 7

3.23 The committee recommends that the Senate pass the bills.

