



**Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Legislation Committee report:

Defence Legislation Amendment (Military  
Justice Enhancements – Inspector-General ADF)  
Bill 2014

15 April 2016

### **Recommendation 1**

The committee recommends that a revised explanatory memorandum be issued for the bill which includes a detailed explanation of the rationale for the provisions dealing with the abrogation of the privilege against self-incrimination for witnesses giving evidence before the Inspector-General ADF.

#### **Government Response**

**Agree.**

A replacement explanatory memorandum for the Bill was tabled in the Senate on 5 March 2015. The replacement explanatory memorandum includes additional information about the rationale for the provisions dealing with the abrogation of the privilege against self-incrimination for witnesses giving evidence before the Inspector-General ADF.

### **Recommendation 2**

The committee recommends that Defence closely consults with the Defence Force Ombudsman in relation to any regulations made in relation to the bill.

#### **Government Response**

**Agree.**

Regulations in relation to the redress of grievance process and the Inspector-General ADF's functions and powers are currently under development. The Defence Force Ombudsman will be consulted in the development process.

### **Recommendation 3**

The committee recommends that the Defence Legislation Amendment (Military Justice Enhancements – Inspector-General ADF) Bill 2014 be passed.

#### **Government Response**

**Agree.**

The Bill received royal assent on 20 May 2015 and commenced on 17 June 2015.