

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

INQUIRY INTO THE COMMONWEALTH REDRESS SCHEME FOR SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BILL 2017 AND RELATED BILL – 6 MARCH 2018 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Question: On notice can we get a format where it has all the recommendations of the royal commission and what is being proposed now by the government.

Answer: The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made 99 Redress and Civil Litigation recommendations, of which 74 are relevant to redress. Noting that certain aspects of the Scheme's design are still under development, and may be subject to change, the current position is outlined below.

Of the 74 recommendations relevant to redress
➤ 58 will be adopted or adopted in principle
➤ Two will be partially adopted : <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recommendation 19 - The maximum payment will be \$150,000.○ Recommendation 48 - The scheme will be open for ten years - to be reviewed at eight years.
➤ Ten are under consideration : <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recommendation 9 - 11, 14, 40, 41, 42, 67 and 68 – relate to counselling, about which final implementation decisions have not yet been resolved.○ Recommendation 59 – consideration of offers of redress being open for six months, with flexibility in appropriate cases for one year.
➤ Four have not been adopted : <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recommendation 6 - the responsible participating institution will provide direct personal responses to their survivors.○ Recommendation 12 and 13 – changes to Medicare access arrangements are not intended.○ Recommendation 22 - instalment payments are not currently envisaged.