

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To inquire into and report on the policies and practices relating to criminal deportation, with particular reference to:

1. the adequacy of existing arrangements for dealing with permanent residents who are convicted of serious criminal offences and whose continued presence in Australia poses an unacceptable level of threat to the Australian community;
2. the appropriateness of existing arrangements for the review of deportation decisions;
3. the appropriateness of the current 10 year limit on liability for criminal deportation;
4. the extent to which effective procedures and liaison arrangements are in place between the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and State/Territory Governments for the timely identification and handling of all cases subject to the criminal deportation provisions;
5. the extent to which sufficient weight is being given to the views of all relevant parties, including the criminals and the victim/s of the crime, and their relatives; and
6. the adequacy of existing arrangements for the removal of non-residents convicted of crimes.

