

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chapter 2

Recommendation 1

2.10 The Committee recommends that the Australian Government and the states, the territories and their agencies standardise the terms being used to describe amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD), particularly for research and statistical purposes.

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2.60 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission develop a nationally coordinated response to new and emerging communications technologies used by organised criminal networks to undertake serious criminal activities.

Recommendation 3

2.75 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission work with federal, state and territory law enforcement agencies to achieve consistency in the collection and analysis and reporting of data on the chemical composition of seized illicit tablets, as well as drug identification and coding.

Recommendation 4

2.88 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission continue to be funded commensurate with the anticipated increase in organised criminal activity in relation to amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD).

Chapter 4

Recommendation 5

4.22 The Committee recommends that public education and demand-reduction campaigns for illicit drugs be factual, informative and appropriately targeted. The Committee also recommends that such campaigns seek input from young people, and take account of user experiences of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD).

Recommendation 6

4.50 The Committee recommends that, in the execution of the National Drug Strategy, harm-reduction strategies and programs receive more attention and resources.

Recommendation 7

4.71 The Committee recommends that the Victorian feasibility study for an illicit tablet monitoring and information service be monitored and, as appropriate, the outcomes independently evaluated by the appropriate Commonwealth government agency.

Chapter 5**Recommendation 8**

5.77 The Committee recommends that a review of the provisions of the *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug and Other Offences) Act 2005* be undertaken not later than December 2007, and that it be amended to provide for regular reviews of the effectiveness of the provisions at two-year intervals after the initial review.

Recommendation 9

5.86 The Committee recommends that the states and territories consider adopting drug offence regimes based on the *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug and Other Offences) Act 2005* with the aim, as far as is practically possible, of establishing greater national consistency in the offences and penalties that apply to crimes related to amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD).

Recommendation 10

5.99 The Committee recommends that the Commonwealth government undertake regular reviews of the effectiveness and interaction of Commonwealth and state drug legislation.

Recommendation 11

5.100 The Committee recommends that the Commonwealth government continue to work with the state and territory governments to encourage national consistency of offences relating to amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) and precursor chemicals.

Chapter 6**Recommendation 12**

6.35 The Committee recommends that the Commonwealth government, in collaboration with state and territory governments and pharmacists, continue to implement Project STOP nationally.

Recommendation 13

6.64 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission collaborate with the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Customs Service and the relevant state and territory law enforcement agencies to improve performance measurements for drug law enforcement under the National Drug Strategy.

Recommendation 14

6.67 The Committee recommends that the reporting of Australian Federal Police statistics show separately the drug law enforcement policing outcomes for the ACT and federal jurisdictions.

Recommendation 15

6.90 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission and other Commonwealth law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the relevant state and territory agencies, develop a standard data dictionary to ensure that information shared is as accurate as possible.

Recommendation 16

6.91 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission review its current sources of information so that the potential for double counting between state, territory and Commonwealth agencies is minimised. Such a review should be published so stakeholders have a clear understanding of the basis and accuracy of supply data.

Recommendation 17

6.92 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission work with the state and territory law enforcement agencies to increase their participation in data provision to the Australian Crime Commission's databases.

Recommendation 18

6.93 The Committee recommends that the Australian Crime Commission work to include the data provided by the state and territory law enforcement agencies to further develop the Illicit Drug Data Report.

