

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

5.12 The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake a review of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity's funding levels, as a matter of urgency.

Recommendation 2

5.18 The committee recommends that, as a matter of priority, the Australian Government fund the establishment of a prevention and education unit in the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity. Further, the committee recommends that the prevention and education unit undertakes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- education of law enforcement personnel
- public education and awareness-raising
- corruption-risk reviews
- research

Recommendation 3

5.19 The committee recommends that the corruption prevention and education function be strengthened in the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* following the review of the operation of the Act, which is due to report no later than 30 June 2010. Specifically, it is recommended that a corruption prevention and education function be included under section 15 (Functions of the Integrity Commissioner) of the Act.

Recommendation 4

5.38 The committee recommends that the Australian Government initiates the establishment of a national forum through which matters of mutual interest to state and federal law enforcement integrity agencies can be addressed.

Recommendation 5

5.41 The committee recommends that the Australian Government consider in the longer term the establishment of an integrity inspector to assist in the oversight of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity.

Recommendation 6

5.44 The committee recommends that as a priority the Australian Government fund the establishment and ongoing maintenance of a secure hearing room, associated technical infrastructure and personnel support.

Recommendation 7

5.50 The committee recommends that the Australian Government review existing obligations on employees of Commonwealth law enforcement agencies to report misconduct. The review should consider whether these arrangements need to be strengthened, including by legislative means, and whether there are sufficient measures in place to support and protect whistleblowers.

Recommendation 8

5.53 The committee recommends that the Australian Government review existing arrangements for the suspension and dismissal of Commonwealth law enforcement agency employees believed on reasonable grounds to have engaged in serious misconduct or corruption, and that the Government take action as appropriate, bearing in mind the need to respect the rights of employees.