

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation—Chapter 3, page 62

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government continue to work toward enhanced mutual understanding and cooperation with Japan on agricultural issues in accordance with the objectives of the Australia–Japan Partnership Agenda.

Recommendation—Chapter 4, page 84

The Committee notes that the Australia–Japan Ministerial Committee (AJMC) has not met since 1997, and recommends that it meet as soon as practicable in the new Australian Parliament following the 2001 election.

Recommendation—Chapter 4, page 87

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government take all practicable steps to increase dialogue at all levels between Australia and Japan to develop further the close bonds between our two countries.

Recommendation—Chapter 5, page 111

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government energetically pursue with Japan the development of a social security agreement of the kind it has with other countries.

Recommendation—Chapter 5, page 115

The Committee welcomes the initiative to extend collaboration in community care under the Australia–Japan Partnership in Health and Family Services and recommends that the Australian Government continue to support the program of activities set up under the Partnership.

Recommendation—Chapter 6, page 133

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government, utilising the industrial relations objectives of the Australia–Japan Partnership Agenda, continue to consult with Japan on employment practices.

Recommendation—Chapter 7, page 155

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government, utilising the industrial relations and human rights objectives of the Australia–Japan Partnership Agenda, work cooperatively with Japan in formulating policies and setting standards with special reference to the human rights and employment conditions of women that could assist both countries.

Recommendation—Chapter 8, page 170

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government continue to collaborate with Japan on the education objectives of the Australia–Japan Partnership Agenda, these being:

- **through sharing information on policies and programs on education;**
- **through greater exchanges of personnel in the education sector, including staff of boards of education and school boards, university administrators, students, teachers, academics and government officials; and**
- **through increased university–based research and development and expanded exchange of researchers.**