

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

7.20 The committee recommends that the Government withdraw the statement made on 25 February 2011 regarding the deferral of the listing of new medicines and the new rules applying to listings from that point forward.

Recommendation 2

7.21 The committee recommends that the Government retract the statement that PBAC listing recommendations will not be proceeded with until savings are found to offset the costs of listing those medicines under the PBS.

Recommendation 3

7.22 The committee recommends that the Government should explicitly state that it rejects any implication that the listing of new medicines requires savings to be made elsewhere in the health portfolio.

Recommendation 4

7.23 The Government should restate its commitment to making an explicit decision regarding the listing of new medicines on the PBS within the terms and intent of the Memorandum of Understanding signed with Medicines Australia on 6 May 2010 and re-signed on 28 September 2010.

Recommendation 5

7.24 That the Government reinstate the '\$10 million rule' so that medicines that have a financial impact of less than \$10 million in each year over the forward estimates can be listed on the PBS Schedule by the minister without waiting for Cabinet approval.