

## Parliament of Australia: Senate

### Inquiry into the Progress Towards National Reconciliation

On 27 August 2002, the Senate referred the following matter to the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by March 2003. The current reporting date is **8 October 2003**.

The Terms of Reference for this inquiry are :

1. Progress towards national reconciliation, including an examination of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Commonwealth Government's response to, and implementation of, the recommendations contained in the following documents :
  - (a) *Reconciliation: Australia's Challenge: Final Report of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation to the Prime Minister and the Commonwealth Parliament;*
  - (b) the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's *Roadmap for Reconciliation* and the associated *National Strategies to Advance Reconciliation;* and
  - (c) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner's social justice reports in 2000 and 2001 relating to reconciliation.
2. That, in examining this matter, the committee have regard to the following :
  - (a) whether processes have been developed to enable and require government agencies to review their policies and programs against the documents referred to above;
  - (b) effective ways of implementing the recommendations of the documents referred to above, including an examination of funding arrangements;
  - (c) the adequacy and effectiveness of any targets, benchmarks, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms that have been put in place to address Indigenous disadvantage and promote reconciliation, with particular reference to the consistency of these responses with the documents referred to above; and
  - (d) the consistency of the Government's responses to the recommendations contained in the documents referred to above with the needs and aspirations of Indigenous Australians as Australian citizens and First Nation Peoples.

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