

## REGULAR REPORTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

(Strengthening of Provisions  
relating to Character and Conduct)  
Bill 1997.

#### SUBMISSIONS AND LETTERS OF ADVICE

Since the last issue of *Admin Review* the Council has provided advice or made submissions to:

- the Attorney-General's Department in response to the consultation on the amalgamation of Tribunals;
- the Treasury in response to the exposure draft of the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program relating to the Corporate and Securities Panel;
- the Australian Law Reform Commission in response to the Draft Recommendations Paper 4: *Review of Archives Act 1983*;
- the Attorney-General in relation to the Establishment of the Administrative Review Tribunal — Principles and Models for Management Structures;
- the Treasury in relation to the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program—Proposals for Reform Paper on Takeovers—Corporate control: a better environment for productive investment;
- the Joint Standing Committee on Migration's inquiry into criminal deportation;
- the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee inquiry into the Migration Legislation Amendment

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

On 1 April 1998, the Government tabled its response to recommendations by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee in its *Report on the Role and Function of the Administrative Review Council* (Senate Hansard 1769-1771).

The Senate Committee's report was discussed in *Admin Review* 49.

##### *Recommendation No. 1*

The Committee recommended that the Administrative Review Council should remain as a separate and permanent body, provided that it is making a significant contribution towards an affordable and cost-effective system of administrative decision-making and review.

The Government accepts this recommendation.

##### *Recommendation No. 2*

The Committee recommended that, in its annual reports, the Administrative Review Council consider providing performance measures of a quantitative and qualitative kind for the activities that it performs, and discussing past-year performance in terms of these measures.

The Government accepts this recommendation. The Attorney-General will request the Council to