



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories interim report: Economic, social and environmental sustainability in the Indian Ocean Territories

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Overview

The interim report into the Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability in the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT) was tabled by the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and the External Territories (the Committee) on 28 February 2022. The Government's responses to the Report's recommendations is below.

Australian Government response

The Australian Government's response to the interim report on the inquiry into economic, social and environmental sustainability in the Indian Ocean Territories is set out below.

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that early in 47th Parliament, a new Inquiry be referred to this Committee with terms of reference that are comparable or similar to the 'Inquiry economic, social and environmental sustainability in the Indian Ocean Territories'.

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.