



LAW REFORM, ROAD AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

58th Parliament

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Inquiry into Illicit and Synthetic Drugs and Prescription Medicine

That pursuant to section 33 of the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 this house requires the Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee to inquire into, consider and report, no later than 3 March 2017 on the effectiveness of laws and procedures relating to illicit and synthetic drugs and prescription medication, including—

1. reviewing the effectiveness of drug treatment programs in Victoria with recommendations on how treatment and harm minimisation strategies could be used as an alternative to criminal penalties;
2. reviewing the effectiveness of Victorian government investment into illicit drug supply reduction, demand reduction and harm reduction strategies and programs;
3. reviewing effectiveness of drug detection programs including roadside testing and procedures for deploying drug detection activities at events;
4. assessing the impact of prescription medication on road safety;
5. reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of laws and regulations relating to illicit and synthetic drugs; and
6. assessing practices of other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions and their approach to drug law reform and how other positive reforms could be adopted to Victorian law.