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### **Anti-Social and Criminal Behaviour Committee presents recommendations to Parliament**

After months of deliberation, a Select Committee addressing antisocial and criminal behaviour has tabled its final report to the Parliament of South Australia.

The final report includes a number of recommendations which look to reduce the incidence of offending by focusing on early intervention, according to committee member and Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick.

“Intervention at an early age may help prevent future crimes,” said Mr Pederick.

“The whole purpose of this committee is to focus on issues which should be recognised and dealt with as early as possible.”

Education and competent parenting can be the difference to our children growing up knowing what is right and what is wrong, according to Mr Pederick.

“The committee is reinforcing the age old adage that we should always be attempting to give children the best start in life as possible,” said Mr Pederick.

“It is my view that the Committee has completed a thorough investigation and the final report provides an in-depth look at current issues regarding antisocial and criminal behaviour.”

The recommendations include pre-natal advice and support for expecting parents and necessary regular home visits by qualified staff to monitor the progress of a child and their family where it’s been drawn to the attention of authorities that assistance be required.

Mr Pederick also believes society must take ownership.

“Public awareness is key to the early intervention strategy and the committee seeks to ensure community understanding and acceptance,” said Mr Pederick.

“I was pleased to be involved in the development of the recommendations and I call on our community leaders to take this issue seriously.”

A copy of the full report is available here:

<http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees/Pages/Committees.aspx?CTId=3&CId=280>