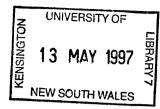
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The SSAT is at present the subject of a review announced by the Minister for Social Security, Senator Jocelyn Newman, last December, and currently being conducted by Dame Margaret Guilfoyle. However, it appears that this may be superseded by the recent announcement made in Parliament by the Commonwealth Attorney-General that the amalgamation of the Veteran's Review Board, the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, the Immigration Review Tribunal, the Refugee Review Tribunal and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, as recommended in the Better Decisions report of the Administrative Review Council, has been agreed to in principle by Cabinet. The Better Decisions report recommended the establishment of a new tribunal, the Administrative Review Tribunal, having separate divisions

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