

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Senator Di Natale

**Question:**

Many chapters and provisions of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement may make it more difficult for governments to introduce effective policy interventions to address rising rates of non-communicable diseases such as tobacco control policies, nutrition and alcohol labelling and restrictions on advertising of unhealthy goods. Has the Department examined the full implications of all chapters of the TPPA for public health policy in Australia?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health and Ageing provides advice to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on any chapters in the agreement that may impact on domestic health policy.

The Government will not accept provisions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement which would adversely affect Australian healthcare policy or constrain the Government's ability to regulate legitimately on public health policy matters.