Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Tobacco Plain Packaging

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

What about when it (i.e. date that Plain Packaging Legislation) was passed in the Senate?

Answer:

The Tobacco Plain Packaging Bill 2011(the Bill) was introduced into the House of Representatives on 6 July 2011, and passed on 24 August 2011.

The Bill, including amendments introduced in the Senate to extend the implementation timeframe and address a technical implementation issue, was passed by the Senate on 10 November 2011 and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives passed the Bill, with the amendments that were introduced in the Senate, on 21 November 2012.

The associated Trade Marks Amendment (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Bill 2011 was passed by the Senate on 10 November 2011.

Both Bills received the Royal Assent on 1 December 2011.