

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Senator:** Senator Bridget McKenzie

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**Question:**

Senator McKENZIE: I had a brief line of questioning around the alcohol management plans from 2012 and the impact of the five minimum standards introduced by the previous government on the rollout of those plans. And I realise this is not a housing matter, but I am confident that the department would actually be able to comment on that.

CHAIR: I thought you were going to put a question on notice, Senator McKenzie. I feel duded! Ms Carroll?

Ms Carroll: We can answer that on notice.

**Answer:**

The minimum standards were introduced in February 2013 under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act. As a result, those Alcohol Management Plans already developed were jointly reviewed by the Department and the Northern Territory Government against the minimum standards. Where required, communities are being supported to strengthen their Alcohol Management Plan to ensure it meets the minimum standards. The regulation setting out the minimum standards is available at <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2013L00290>.