

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-446

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PLAIN PACKAGING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Will the Department release any legal advice/advices it has received in relation to plain packaging for cigarettes over the past two years? This includes any in-house legal advice provided on plain packaging.
- b) If not, why not?
- c) Does the legal advice provided warn that the plain packaging proposal breaches Australian and international law?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) and c)  
It is the long standing practice of governments not to release their legal advice.