

Questions on Notice, Inquiry into Tobacco Harm Reduction

for Senator Sheldon, from David Mutch PhD

QoN 01

Are you aware of Australia's obligations under Article 5.3 of World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control "in setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law"?

Answer: No, sorry I am not aware of this.

QoN 02

Have you or your organisation received any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from any parties involved in the production, distribution or sale of tobacco, nicotine or vaping products?

Please provide details of that support, including:

- a. the nature of that support;
- b. the amount or value provided;
- c. the name of the entity or person providing it; and
- d. any other related information.

Answer:

No I have not. I am a private individual with no association with any party involved with tobacco, nicotine or vaping products and have not received any support whatsoever with any of these products.

QoN 03

Have you or your organisation, received any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from associated entities of tobacco companies?

If yes, please provide details of that support, including:

- a. the nature of that support;
- b. the amount or value provided;
- c. the name of the entity or person providing it; and
- d. any other related information.

Answer:

No, I have not.

QoN 04

Have you received any assistance, or liaised or consulted with, any other person or organisation in the preparation of your evidence to this inquiry?

If yes, please provide the details of any persons and/or organisation that assisted, or with whom you liaised or consulted, in the preparation of your evidence to this inquiry, including:

- a. the name of the persons or organisation;
- b. the ABN or CAN, if applicable; and
- c. any other related information.

Answer:

No I have not. I wrote my statement entirely and independent by myself and used evidence and research that is easily found on the Internet, including news and research articles. Undertaking a PhD does help equip one with reasonably good research skills.

QoN 05

Did you make inquiries as to whether the persons/organisations you consulted or liaised with receive any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from parties involved in the production, distribution or sale of tobacco, nicotine or vaping products?

If yes, please provide the details of those inquiries, including:

- a. what assurances were sought;
- b. dates of those inquiries; and
- c. whether they were made in written form or orally.

Answer:

No. I have not consulted or liaised with anyone else to write my submission or to form my views. I have done my own independent research. So therefore I also have had no need to make any inquiries of anyone.

QoN 06

Have you, or any organisation with which you are associated, received any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from the following organisations, or persons associated with, the following organisations:

- a. The Institute for Public Affairs;
- b. Centre for Independent Studies;
- c. The Sydney Institute;
- d. Australian Taxpayers Alliance;
- e. Australian Institute For Progress;
- f. Mannkal Economic Education Foundation;
- g. Legalise Vaping Australia; and
- h. any ATLAS network member organisation.

Answer:

No, I have received no support from any of the organisations listed above.

However, I did receive several emails from a couple of Vaping companies and also from Legalise Vaping Australia to notify me about the work of the Committee which also asked if I was interested in making a submission which I have done.

But I have received no support of any kind in regards to this matter.

QoN 07

Please provide the details of support given by the organisations listed in question 4, including:

- a. name of the organisation;
- b. nature of the support;
- c. amount or value provided; and
- d. any other related information.

Answer:

I have received no support from any other person or organisation in regard to my submission to the Committee.

QoN 08

Have you consulted, or had any contact with the groups or persons associated with groups listed in question 4, regarding your submission to this inquiry, or regarding your policy on vaping, tobacco, nicotine or any related products?

If yes, please provide the details of the organisations listed in question 4 with which you had contact, including:

- a. name of the organisation; and
- b. what the nature of the contact was.

Answer:

No, I have not. My research, answers, opinions and my submission was not made in consultation with any other person or group. It is entirely my own submission.