

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:

Yes

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 received support from such parties. My employer (the University of Queensland) has a strict policy against acceptance of funding from the tobacco industry. However, you would have to contact them for a definitive response since I can only speak on behalf of my own research program.

- a. No support received
- b. \$0 – see response to a.
- c. No entity or person – see response to a.
- d. This question seems to assume that I have received support from one of these parties. I have not. I am not aware of any support received by my employer, however I do not believe they would have since they have a policy against tobacco industry funding.

QoN 03

Have you or your organisations, 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 received support from such parties. My employer (the University of Queensland) has a policy against acceptance of funding from the tobacco industry. However, you would have to contact them for a definitive response. I can only speak on behalf of my own research program.

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

Yes. I liaised with Professor Wayne Hall who is acknowledged as a co-author on the submission with me.

- a. Professor Wayne Hall
- b. N/A
- c. Professor Hall has already been acknowledged on the submission.

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 did not subject Professor Hall to an interrogation about whether he has received support from these parties. I accepted his statement of no competing interests on the submission.

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 haven't received support from any of these organisations. I can only speak on behalf of my own research program. For a definitive response regarding organisations with which I am associated, you will need to contact these for this information. The following are a list of organisations which I have an association with:

- I am an employee of the University of Queensland.
- I am a member of the National Tertiary Education Union.
- I am a member of the following professional societies: Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, the Public Health Association of Australia, Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (associate member), and I have been a past member of Environmental Health Australia and Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs, and the National Association of Research Fellows.

I am not aware of any funding from the list above to any organisations I am affiliated with, and I strongly doubt that they have received such support, but you would have to ask them directly for a definitive answer.

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

- a. None
- b. None
- c. \$0
- d. I assume this question is referring to the list provided at Question 6. The wording of this question seems to assume that I have received support from one of the organisations listed. I have not. I am not aware of any support received by any of the organisations I am affiliated with (see response QoN 06, if you would like to follow up directly with them).

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.

a.