Senator Payman

4 September 2025

Amendment to own motion

General business notice of motion no. 168

The amended motion would read as follows:

That the following matter be referred to the **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee** Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement for inquiry and report by **9 March 2026**-21 November 2025:

The illegal tobacco trade in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the extent to which black market tobacco products are funding organised crime;
- (b) the extent to which the enforcement efforts of the federal government have been effective at deterring the trade of black market tobacco;
- (c) the extent to which the tobacco excise is beneficial in terms of public health;
- (d) whether present excise settings have contributed to the growth of the tobacco black market, and whether a freeze or reduction of the excise may help to lower demand for black market tobacco;
- (e) the effect the illegal tobacco trade is having on the budget as a result of lost excise revenue;
- (f) the rise of second-order crime committed as a result of the illegal tobacco trade, including the rise in firebombings of tobacconists and the effect this crime is having on legitimate businesses; and
- (g) any other related matters.

As listed on page 10 of today's Notice Paper