

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-277

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-331 in relation to the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs, please advise:

- a) Why is there a refusal to provide information about the personnel in the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs?
- b) Who is the "one expert nominated by the IGCD as a whole" referred to paragraph d) of the answer? Why wasn't this information provided when it was asked earlier?
- c) What is the remuneration for this expert?
- d) Who are the Commonwealth Health representatives?
- e) Who is the representative from ANPHA?

Answer:

- a) In Question E11-331 the Department of Health and Ageing was asked for membership of the 'Standing Committee on Alcohol', not the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD). The membership of the standing committees and working groups is made publicly available on the National Drug Strategy website at <http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au>

The IGCD executive has nominated organisations rather than individuals because of the turnover in representatives, particularly from jurisdictions.

- b) The IGCD has not nominated a person to this position.
- c) There is no remuneration for any member of the IGCD or the Standing Committee on Alcohol.
- d) There is only one Commonwealth Health representative for the Standing Committee on Alcohol - Assistant Secretary, Drug Strategy Branch.
- e) The Australian National Preventive Health Agency representative is the Policy Director.