

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-285

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 E11-320 in relation to the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs:

- a) Given that the Commonwealth has members on this body, please explain why your members have not been provided with this information?
- b) Isn't it unacceptable to have such a body presiding over tens of millions of dollars or more in public funding?

Answer:

The responses have been prepared in reference to the Research and Data Working Group (RDWG), which is a newly established committee under the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs.

- a) The organisational membership of the RDWG will be available on the National Drug Strategy website at <http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au> following IGCD executive approval of the terms of reference.
- b) There is not a special budget allocated to the RDWG. Cost shared funding proposals for sub-strategy development have not been finalised and will require input by Commonwealth and state Ministers.