

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-288

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON DRUG STRATEGY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-322 re the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy:

- a) You have failed to provide the list of who was consulted in the making of this report. Can you please do so?
- b) Why is this information private?
- c) You have also failed to provide the names of the people consulted. Can you do so please?

Answer:

- a) The stakeholders consulted during the development of the report were primarily government officers responsible for business under the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy and also included representatives of research organisations working in the field. The following list represents the organisations that were consulted.

Department of Health and Ageing
Australian Federal Police
Attorney-General's Department
Australian Customs Service
NSW Health
NSW Police
Department of Human Services (Victoria)
Victoria Police
Victoria Police
Queensland Health
Queensland Health
Queensland Police
WA Department of Health
WA Department of Health
WA Police
SA Health

SA Police
Tasmania Health
Tasmania Police
NT Health and Families
NT Police
ACT Health
Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA)
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)
Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD)
National Drug Research Institute (NDRI)
Australian Therapeutic Communities Association
Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC)
National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA)
Australian Crime Commission (ACC)

- b) The report has been publicly released on the Department of Health and Ageing's Disclosure Log under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.
- c) Appendix A which outlined the names of the participants involved in the research was originally redacted under Section 47F – Public interest conditional exemption - Personal privacy under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. Section 47F conditionally exempts a document if its disclosure would involve the unreasonable disclosure of personal information about any person (including a deceased person).