

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-292

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ALCOHOL POLICY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to the answer which was provided in response to Question E11-326 re alcohol policy:

- a) Over the past five years who has the Department engaged to provide alcohol policy advice?
- b) Isn't it the case that no one from the alcohol industry has been engaged over this period?

Answer:

a) and b)

Over the past five years the Department has engaged in appropriate consultations, including face to face meetings, and sought advice from a range of Australia's key national research bodies, industry representatives and other relevant experts, when developing alcohol policy, including:

- Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia (DSICA)
- Brewers Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Winemakers Federation of Australia
- The Australian Wine Research Institute
- Drinkwise Australia (Governed by a board of seven community and six alcohol industry representatives)
- National Drug Research Institute,
- National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, and
- National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction.