

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-295

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 E11-330 re Alcohol Policy:

- a) Please confirm that the Commonwealth provides funding for the national drug strategy?
- b) If that is the case, please explain what the Commonwealth's role is in relation to policy in this area?
- c) Does the Commonwealth have any "control" over what happens in this policy area?

Answer:

- a) The Commonwealth provides funding for the National Drug Strategy as part of its cost shared funding contributions to the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD).
- b) The development of the current National Drug Strategy 2010-2015 was an IGCD cost shared funding project that was led by the Commonwealth. The National Drug Strategy forms the basis for all of the Department of Health and Ageing's alcohol tobacco and illicit drug policy development and program management.
- c) Commonwealth alcohol tobacco and other drug policy is developed in consultation with the relevant Minister for Health.