

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-299

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 E11-334 re National Alliance for Action on Alcohol:

- a) Apart from Mr Daube who has been appointed in the Alcohol policy area since 2008?
- b) Mr Daube has been on at least four Commonwealth advisory bodies to do with Alcohol. Is anyone else on four senior committees like Mr Daube, if so, who are they and what are their positions?
- c) Is anyone else on three senior committees? If so, who are they and what are their positions?
- d) If Mr Daube is not the principle advisor on alcohol policy to the Commonwealth why is he appointed to so many bodies which advise on alcohol policy?
- e) The Website for the ANPHA Research Committee what each of the eight members does. Can you explain why Mr Daube is the only person there where alcohol is referred to in his description – is it not the case that Mr Daube is the principal external alcohol adviser to the Government?
- f) Is Mr Daube on some of the COAG Committees and working groups as well?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing currently has no specific policy advisory bodies for alcohol besides the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD), which, as advised in the response to E11-334, was established in 1998 as the principal advisory body to the Prime Minister and the Federal Government on illicit drug and alcohol policy.
- b) - d)
The Department does not currently have any official committee specifically established to advise the Department on alcohol policy.
- e) The Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA) Research Committee website <http://www.anpha.gov.au/internet/anpha/publishing.nsf/Content/research-committee> indicates that Professor Daube is not a member of this committee.
- f) You will need to refer this question to ANPHA as the Department cannot speak to appointments that may be made by other agencies.