

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: OPAL FUEL

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Senator Siewert asked:

If you could take on notice any role the commonwealth is having in encouraging discussions or participating in discussions between states over using the NT as - model legislation is probably not the right word - an example of legislation that is looking at or provides for dealing with rehabilitation and volatile substances, that would be appreciated.

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing has not participated in any discussions between states regarding the use of the *Northern Territory Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Act* as an example of legislation that provides for dealing with rehabilitation and volatile substances.

In addition, the Department is not aware that any other Australian Government agencies involved in the implementation of the Petrol Sniffing Strategy (the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; and the Attorney Generals Department) have participated in such discussions.