Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 365

Topic: Alcohol Management Plans

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Senator Scullion asked:

Have any alcohol management plans from the Northern Territory been submitted to the Minister? How many and from what communities? Please advise which have been approved and which have been rejected. Is it true that the Minister will not approve any plan that allows for even a moderate consumption of alcohol?

Answer:

Under newly legislated requirements of the *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012*, all Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) will now be assessed against minimum standards before they are submitted for the consideration of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Communities will be supported to strengthen their AMPs to ensure they will meet the requirements of the minimum standards, before they are submitted for ministerial consideration and approval.

The minimum standards were registered as a legislative instrument on 26 February 2013. No AMP as yet has been submitted to the Minister through this process.