

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Black Market Tobacco

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**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

**Question:**

What questions in the national drug and alcohol survey conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) gather information about black market tobacco?  
Will the cost-benefit analysis, the quantitative aspect, take into account any change in the black market tobacco?

**Answer:**

The 2013 National Drug Strategy Household Survey included several questions relating to unbranded/illicit tobacco: Questions D27 to D37. The text of these questions is publicly available on the AIHW website at:  
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60129548125>.

The quantitative aspects of the cost-benefit analysis of the Post Implementation Review (PIR) on Tobacco Plain Packaging are being undertaken by the external consultancy firm, Siggins Miller Consultants, in accordance with requirements of the Office of Best Practice Regulation, in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The consultants will evaluate the quantitative evidence available to them on whether the tobacco plain packaging measure has had an impact on the illicit tobacco market and where this evidence can be verified, it will be included in the cost benefit analysis.