

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Leyonhjelm, David

Question:

Senator LEYONHJELM: I would like to ask some questions in relation to the plain packaging tracking survey. I am referring to the plain packaging tracking survey which the department had the Cancer Council of Victoria undertake. Was there a competitive tender for that survey?

Answer:

A competitive tender was not undertaken for the National Monthly Tracking Survey of smokers and recent quitters.

The Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer, within the Cancer Council Victoria approached the department with a project proposal for consideration. The department assessed the proposal against the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines, requirements for the tobacco control programme and the department's health policy objectives.

The project was found to satisfy Financial Management Accountability Regulation 3A(1), which governs grants.