

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Plain Packaging Data

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**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

**Question:**

Do you intend to modify your website to say that, comparing like with like, the reduction was 0.8 per cent?

**Answer:**

The entry on the website responded to an article published in *The Australian* on 6 June 2014. The article reported a rise of 0.3 per cent in tobacco sales volumes in the 2013 calendar year as compared to the 2012 calendar year. The Department of Health's website entry regarding tobacco clearance was therefore, at the time, reporting "like with like".

Since that time, tobacco clearances data have been and will continue to be presented on the Department's website as a comparison of calendar years updated as information becomes available from the Treasury.