

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-000118

**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Taxpayer spending on the World Health Organization's (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Bernardi, Cory

**Question:**

How is Australia's contribution to the FCTC calculated and are any outstanding monies currently owed?

**Answer:**

Australia's Assessed Contributions (AC) are calculated on the basis of the WHO scale of assessment, which is based on the United Nations scale of assessment, taking into account the difference in membership of the WHO and of the WHO FCTC. The United Nations scale of assessment represents the apportionment of expenses among Member States, or Parties, broadly according to capacity to pay. Australia is not in arrears in relation to its AC.