Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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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:

Will the Australian Government be making any future contributions to the FCTC and if so will it ensure the FCTC provides full disclosure on where this money is being spent and for what purpose?

Answer:

As a Party to the WHO FCTC, Australia will make future Assessed Contributions to the Conference of the Parties (COP) workplan and budget, in accordance with the decisions of the COP. Voluntary contributions to the work of the WHO FCTC as envisaged by the COP, are considered by Government on a case by case basis.

The workplans and budgets are agreed by the Parties to the WHO FCTC and are publically available on the WHO website (www.who.int).