

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

Topic: Application to Redefine the Definition of Nicotine in Schedule 7 of the Poisons Schedule

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Smith, Dean

Question:

Publication of scheduling amendment application and supporting information

Will the actual application documents, submitted by the New Nicotine Alliance Australia advocacy group as the applicant, be publicly released given the applicant has indicated their consent to release?

Answer:

Original applications to amend the Poisons Standard are not published. The applicant's reasons for their proposal are summarised in the published interim and final decision documents.

The applicant can choose to make their application public via their own channels.

There are two opportunities for the public (including the applicant) to comment on proposed changes to the Poisons Standard.

Submissions received through these public consultation periods (noting that the applicant can also provide a submission on their original application) are published but can contain some redactions to protect individual and personal information.