

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

**Topic:** Poisons Standard - Cigarettes

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

**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

**Question:**

What are the costs and benefits of the continuing exclusion of cigarettes from the Poisons Standard?

**Answer:**

Under the Poisons Standard it is substances that are scheduled not products. The delegate makes scheduling decisions in line with the criteria under subsection 52E(1) of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, including the risks and benefits of the substance, the purposes for which a substance is to be used, toxicity, the potential for abuse and any other matters the delegate considers necessary to protect public health.

A cost benefit analysis is not a part of the decision making criteria under subsection 52E(1).