

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:

Should cigarettes continue to be excluded from the Poisons Standard?

Answer:

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.

There are currently no plans to review the wording in the Poisons Standard as it relates to nicotine 'in tobacco prepared and packed for smoking'.

No application has been made to the Therapeutic Goods Administration to review this.