

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Can you provide an update on where the Government is at with the National Alcohol Strategy 2016-2021? As it is now 2017, when will the Strategy be finalised and released publicly?

Answer:

The National Alcohol Strategy (NAS) is a collaboration between the Australian Government and all states and territories, and is the responsibility of the Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum (MDAF).

At its meeting in December 2016, the MDAF agreed that it would consider the NAS after the next National Drug Strategy (NDS) had been finalised.

The NDS is listed for consideration for the next MDAF meeting in early-mid 2017.

Any decision about release of the NAS, once it is finalised, would also be for the MDAF.