

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

The Ice ads on TV don't provide any information on where Ice users go for help – so where do people with a methamphetamine problem go for help and why is information on drug treatment services not included in the National Drugs Campaign?

Answer:

The ice television advertisements refer viewers to the National Drugs Campaign website (www.australia.gov.au/drugs) for further information. The website includes information on the Alcohol and Drug Information Services (ADIS) in each jurisdiction.

The ADIS are state and territory-based services that offer 24-hour information, advice, referral, intake, assessment and support for individuals, their families and friends, general practitioners, other health professionals and business and community groups.

The Campaign website also provides tips for parents and guardians on how to speak with their children about illicit drugs, and includes links to school-based illicit drug education resources which have been developed by the Department of Health with drug and alcohol research centres.