

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Tobacco control

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Bilyk, Catryna

Question:

For the purposes of article 5.3 of the World Health Organisation Framework on Tobacco Control, the Department reports on its website any meetings that have been conducted with the tobacco industry.

Does this report include:

- Meetings held between other Government departments or agencies and the tobacco industry or its representatives?
- Meetings held between Government ministers or their staff and the tobacco industry or its representatives?
- Meetings called by another department or agency, or a Government minister which tobacco industry representatives have been invited to or attended? Have any Government ministers met with representatives of the tobacco industry?

If yes:

- Which ministers?
- When were the meetings held?
- What was the topic of discussion at those meetings?

Have any ministerial staff met with representatives of the tobacco industry?

If yes:

- Which staff?
- When were the meetings held?
- What was the topic of discussion at those meetings?

Have any staff in Government agencies or departments other than the Department of Health met with representatives from the tobacco industry? If yes:

- Which departments or agencies?
- When were the meetings held?
- What was the topic of discussion at those meetings?

Have representatives of the tobacco industry attended any Liberal/National Party fundraising events organised by Government ministers? If yes:

- When and where were these events held?
- Which ministers organised or attended these events?

Have any Government ministers been involved in meetings or discussions with tobacco industry representatives for the purpose of securing National/Liberal Party donations?

If yes, which ministers and when?

Answer:

The report does not include meetings held between the tobacco industry or its representatives and other Departments, Agencies, Ministers or their staff.

The Department of Health is not aware of any meetings between the tobacco industry, the Minister for Health or the Assistant Minister for Health.

Two ministerial staff from the Assistant Minister's Office met with Nicoventures and Wellshaslem on 11 May 2015 to discuss the regulation of e-cigarettes as smoking-cessation products.