

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Evaluation of pregnancy warning labels

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

The 2014 evaluation found that 38.2 per cent of all products had a health warning label more than two years after the FoFR decision in 2011. Now we are more than five years past the original FoFR decision - can you provide an update on the level of uptake of a health warning label?

Answer:

The second evaluation of the alcohol industry voluntary initiative to place pregnancy warning labels on alcohol products is expected to be considered by Food Ministers later in 2017. The Department is unable to comment on the findings of the evaluation until it is considered by Ministers.