

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Harm Reduction

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Leyonhjelm, David

Question:

Does current government drugs policy support harm reduction?

Answer:

The Australian Government is supportive of the principle of harm minimisation, as outlined in the National Drug Strategy (the Strategy), which is underpinned by the three pillars of harm, supply and demand reduction.

The Strategy provides a national framework which aims to build safe, healthy and resilient Australian communities through preventing and minimising alcohol, tobacco and other drug-related health, social, cultural and economic harms among individuals, families and communities through a balanced approach between health and law enforcement.