

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-001011

**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Drug and Alcohol

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Question on Notice number SQ17-000369 states that the Alcohol Strategy (which expired 6 years ago) will not be updated until the National Drug Strategy is complete. What reason is there to wait?

**Answer:**

The Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum (the Forum) elected to delay the finalisation of the National Alcohol Strategy until the next iteration of the National Drug Strategy had been finalised. The Forum took this decision in recognition of the fact that the National Alcohol Strategy is intended to operate as a sub-strategy of, and as such closely align with, the National Drug Strategy.