

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates, 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-280

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ALCOHOL ADVISORY STATEMENT RESEARCH REPORT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

The 2008-09 FSANZ annual report also detailed that ‘The Ministerial Council intends to forward this report to the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy for consolidated consideration by the Council of Australian Governments of broader measures aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm.’

- a) Did that reference occur?
- b) What did the MCDS do with the report, if anything?
- c) Given that this is supposed to be a review of publicly available evidence on the effectiveness of labelling, why is this report secret?

Answer:

- a) See response to Question E11-279.
- b) The Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy subsequently referred the review to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).
- c) The release of the report is a matter for COAG.