

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-311

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DRUGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Has this committee (ie the Standing Committee on Alcohol) been established yet?
- b) If so when was it established?
- c) If not when will it be established?
- d) What is the membership of the committee?
- e) How was the membership of the committee decided?
- f) When was the membership of the committee announced publicly?
- g) Has the committee met yet?
- h) How often will the committee meet in the future?
- i) What constitutes a quorum for the committee?
- j) How long do the appointments to the committee last for?
- k) What are the remuneration arrangements for the committee members?

Answer:

The responses have been prepared in reference to the Standing Committee on Alcohol, which is a newly established committee under the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD).

- a) Yes, the Standing Committee on Alcohol has been established.
- b) The *National Drug Strategy 2010-2015* was publicly released in March 2011, and announced the formation of the Standing Committee on Alcohol as one of its four Standing Committees. The first meeting of the committee occurred by teleconference on 4 July 2011.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) The membership of the committee consists of:
 - health representatives from jurisdictions (NT, Tasmania, and New Zealand currently not members) (Current Chair WA Health);

- law enforcement representatives from jurisdictions (Victoria, ACT, NT and New Zealand currently not members) (Current Deputy Chair WA Police);
 - one expert nominated by the IGCD as a whole;
 - one expert nominated by IGCD Health officials (Note: Currently same as the expert nominated by IGCD as a whole);
 - one expert nominated by IGCD Law Enforcement officials;
 - two Commonwealth health representatives;
 - one Australian National Preventive Health Agency representative;
 - one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander representative;
 - one representative from the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia; and
 - one representative from the Australian Liquor Licensing Authorities Conference.
- e) The IGCD is responsible for agreeing to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, and to the Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee, including membership categories. The Chair is responsible for appointing individuals to the Standing Committee.
- f) The membership has not been publicly announced.
- g) The first meeting was held on 4 July 2011 by teleconference and the committee has met twice since.
- h) As required.
- i) The quorum is the responsibility of the Chair to determine.
- j) The Chair and Vice Chair are appointed for two years. Other members have not been appointed for a specific time frame.
- k) The committee members do not receive any remuneration.