

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-319

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IGCD)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

The IGCD will invite relevant representatives of intergovernmental councils, government agencies, non-government organisations, the research sector, peak organisations, consumers, carers and industry to participate in these committees and groups.

- a) Will you please detail which of each of these “relevant representatives” has been invited onto the working group? That is please provide separate information for which representative of intergovernmental councils, government agencies, non-government organisations etc have been invited onto the working group.
- b) What was the date on which each invitation was made?
- c) How was this invitation made? By letter, by email, by telephone call etc? Please detail the method for each invitee.

Answer:

The responses have been prepared in reference to the Research and Data Working Group (RDWG), which is a newly established committee under the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs.

- a) The core nominated membership of the RDWG is:
  - ACT Health and South Australia Health to represent the interests of small jurisdictions.
  - Western Australian Health and New South Wales Health to represent the interests of large jurisdictions.
  - South Australia Police to represent the interests of small jurisdictions.
  - Queensland Police Service to represent the interests of large jurisdictions.
  - Two representatives from the Department of Health and Ageing.
  - One specialist in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data from the National Advisory Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Information and Data; and

- One representative from each of the following:
  - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics
  - Australian Institute of Criminology
  - Australian National Preventative Health Agency
  - National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre
  - National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund
  - National Drug Research Institute
  - National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction.

b) and c)

Chairs of Standing Committees and Working Groups are responsible for organising membership of their Standing Committees and Working Groups. The Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) does not hold information on the dates on which invitations were extended. The Department has no information as to how invitations were made.