

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-324

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: ALCOHOL POLICY

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Does the government consider that experience of employment in private industry may be desirable in those areas of the Department of Health and Aging regulates or provides policy on? For example, does the Department consider that having officers in the alcohol policy area who have been employed in the alcohol industry may be of some benefit to the area that makes policy on alcohol?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing selects employees for positions through a merit selection process from all employment sectors, including the private sector, from experienced individuals. The roles, functions, responsibilities and duties of the position to be filled are aligned with the capability requirements and work level standards applicable to the Australian Public Service classification level.