

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-330

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ALCOHOL POLICY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Does the Department intend to honour the Government's policy as expressed in the *National Drug Strategy 2010-2015* to appoint an industry representative onto the Standing Committee on Alcohol and the working group on national drug research and data strategy?
- b) Why is the Department not implementing this policy when it has appointed people from other areas specified in the Strategy?

Answer:

- a) Under the National Drug Strategy 2010-2015, the Standing Committee on Alcohol and the Research and Data Working Group are joint jurisdictional committees under the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD). The Department of Health and Ageing has made representations to the IGCD regarding the importance of participation of a broad range of stakeholders on IGCD standing committees and working groups.
- b) The Department is not responsible for appointments to Standing Committees and Working Groups. This is the responsibility of each Chair.