

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PLAIN PACKAGING LEGISLATION

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can you take on notice the issue about the action that the department has taken in relation to track and trace since the Minister made those comments on 24 August?

Answer:

The Department is still participating in ongoing negotiations on a protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products under the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The negotiating text contains a draft provision on tracking and tracing of tobacco products.

Australia's participation in the protocol negotiations is coordinated through the Interdepartmental Committee on Tobacco, which includes all affected Government agencies. The next session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body is on 29 March – 4 April 2012.