

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Tobacco - Burden of Disease

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: My next question is: how many people die each year?

Mr Bowles: About 15,000.

Senator McLUCAS: And the number of people who are seriously disabled, do we have that figure?

Dr Southern: The burden of disease—

Senator McLUCAS: The whole burden of disease data.

Dr Southern: I do not have it with me.

Senator McLUCAS: Take it on notice.

Dr Southern: We can take it on notice.

**Answer:**

In 2010, tobacco smoking was the third highest contributing risk factor for disease in Australia, responsible for 8.3 per cent of the total burden of disease.

- 6.3 per cent of the total burden of disease for women; and
- 9.9 per cent of the total burden of disease for men.<sup>1</sup>

Tobacco smoking is responsible for around one in five deaths among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people(s) and 12 per cent of the total burden of disease and injury for this population group.<sup>2</sup>

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1 Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) (2013). Global Burden of Disease Report 2010, University of Washington. Available from: <http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org/ghd/research/project/global-burden-diseases-injuries-and-risk-factors-study-2010>

2 Vos T, Barker B, Stanley L & Lopez A, (2007). *The burden of disease and injury in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 2003*.