



Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2066

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Additional information following 2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing,
21 October 2015**

I am writing to provide additional information to expand on the evidence I provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Health in the 2015-16 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 21 October 2015.

In answering a question from Senator Leyonhjelm about whether the Post Implementation Review (PIR) of the tobacco plain packaging measure had been shared with people other than OBPR at this stage, I said: 'No'. (Hansard, Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, Estimates, Wednesday 21 October 2015, Proof Copy, page 113).

In order to further the Committee's understanding of the evidence I provided, I would like to clarify that, as part of the normal process for preparing a PIR, the Department has consulted with other Australian Government agencies with a relevant portfolio interest. This consultation has included the Department sharing draft text from the PIR with these agencies and with legal representatives as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Studdert', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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