Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Senator DI NATALE: How do the reporting requirements differ from the previous ministerial council on drugs?

Dr Southern: I would have to take that on notice. I was not around when the previous council was operating, so I am not sure of those arrangements.

Answer:

The new arrangements will be similar to the overarching arrangements for the former Ministerial Council on Drugs (MCDS), in that the Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum will include Ministers with responsibility for health and law enforcement/justice portfolios covering alcohol and other drug matters from each jurisdiction, and will report directly to the Council of Australian Governments.