

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: The United Nation's Seventh Conference of the Parties meeting in New Delhi in November

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Bernardi, Cory

Question:

The future use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) will be an important issue at this year's COP 7 meeting? What is the Health delegation's official position on this issue and how will it be conveyed at COP 7?

Answer:

Australia's expected position in relation to Agenda item 5.5.2 for consideration at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will be to:

- welcome the WHO report on *Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS/ENNDS)* (FCTC/COP/7/11);
- encourage ongoing and coordinated global research by the WHO into the potential population health impacts of ENDS/ENNDS, such as those referred to in FCTC/COP/7/11; and
- support decision/s which facilitate Parties taking national measures in line with the broad direction set out in the WHO Report.

Australia's position will be conveyed in accordance with the usual Rules of Procedure governing interventions by Parties at COP.