

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Why has no information ever been made available on the activities or advice of the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs (ANACAD) since its inception in early 2015? Please provide details of when the committee has met and any minutes of those meetings.

Answer:

The membership and terms of reference of the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs (ANACAD) have been publicly available on the Department of Health website since the Council was established in late 2014 (www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/anacad).

As per its terms of reference, ANACAD supports the Australian Government by providing confidential, strategic evidence based advice. It does not have a public role and the outcomes of meetings are recorded but are not published.

ANACAD has met face-to-face nine times since its establishment in December 2014:

- 19 December 2014 – Sydney, NSW
- 12 February 2015 – Canberra, ACT
- 29 April 2015 – Roebourne, WA
- 10 June 2015 – Melbourne, VIC
- 19 August 2015 – Sydney, NSW
- 9 December 2015 – Brisbane, QLD
- 16 March 2016 – Canberra, ACT
- 8 June 2016 - Adelaide, SA
- 24 October 2016 – Alice Springs, NT