

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

Were there any problems identified with NIDAC before it was disbanded?

Answer:

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) has been reshaped and renamed to the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs (ANACAD) to more accurately reflect its role. ANACAD will continue to be the Australian Government's key advisory body on national drug and alcohol priorities and emerging issues.

As part of this reshaping, as well as efforts to reduce the number of advisory bodies and committees across Government, a decision has been made not to continue with the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee in its current form. Indigenous specific issues in relation to drug and alcohol are a priority for this Government and as such will be an area of specific focus for the Council.