

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Topic:** Post Implementation Review on plain packaging

**Senator:** Canavan, Matthew

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**Question:**

Has the OBPR written to, or communicated with, the Department of Health about any concerns or problems it may have had with the way in which the Department of Health conducted its PIR?

**Answer:**

In liaising with the Department of Health, the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has commented on draft Post Implementation Reviews (PIR) and sections of the document. These comments have mainly related to providing further information on better identifying the problem, clearly stating the government objective and improving the impact analysis by exploring further the available data sources and demonstrating the costs and benefits of the measures.