

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: bet 28**

**Topic: Increased Taxation of Ready-to Drink Beverages**

**Hansard Page: E51**

**Senator Coonan asked:**

**Senator COONAN**—Perhaps I will withdraw that and ask it in a more helpful way. Can you tell me what material you had access to, that you factored in for the purposes of modelling—

**Mr Ray**—For calculating elasticity? We had reference—

**Senator COONAN**—For any reason.

**Mr Ray**—We had reference to a wide range of academic studies of the price elasticity demand for alcohol both here and overseas.

**Senator COONAN**—Do you have a list of those?

**Mr Ray**—Yes, Mr Brown might be able to help you with that.

**Mr Brown**—I do not have them with me at the moment—

**Mr Ray**—We can get them for you.

**(Further Reference – Hansard Page E54, E70, E73-74 & E77)**

**Answer:**

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