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Re: Senate Community Affairs Committee - Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 and Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009

Dear Mr Humphery

Thank you for passing on the Committee's invitation to provide a submission regarding the above bills.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released three publications based on the results of the 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey (NDSHS):

- [2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: first results](#)
- [2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: state and territory supplement](#)
- [2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: detailed findings.](#)

These reports contain detailed information on alcohol consumption patterns of Australians aged 12 years and older.

The NDSHS is conducted approximately every three years under the auspices of the *National Drug Strategy 2004-2009* (and its forerunners). It is anticipated that the next NDSHS will be conducted in 2010. Results from that collection would not be available until early 2011.

In short, the AIHW has no new data to inform the deliberations of the Senate Community Affairs Committee relating to Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 and Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009.

Yours sincerely

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