

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Inquiry into Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act
Canberra Hearing, Friday 26 February 2010
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question No: WR15

Topic: Recording of takeaway alcohol sales

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Senator Crossin asked:

What would be the plan once this legislation went through? Would you be writing to bottle shops or other outlets and saying, 'Send all of the records you have to date into FaHCSIA' or, 'Shred what you've been keeping all these years'?

Answer:

See also the response to WR14.

The *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* provides that the repeal of a part of an Act does not affect any obligation that arose while the repealed part was in force. This would mean that records of takeaway alcohol sales acquired up until the repeal will still need to be retained for three years.

FaHCSIA and the NT Government will work together to help licensees meet their obligations relating to storage of these records for the required period, and their subsequent disposal, including attention to privacy law requirements.

As indicated in WR14, the registers of records can be stored away from the licensed premises. The two governments will work with licensees to arrange an appropriate approach to managing the remaining registers.