

# AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORES

## Response to Questions on Notice from Senator Marielle Smith

### Questions

1. I am required to ask if you can be clear about the nature of the support, the amount of value provided, the name of the entity or person providing it and any other related information. Do you want to add more to your answer, given those further points?

We note that AACS was not advised prior to appearing at the Senate Inquiry that it would be required, if it appeared voluntarily, to disclose its commercially confidential information or membership arrangements. This information is not relevant to the submission that AACS has made to the Senate Inquiry or Mr Foukkare's appearance as a witness at that Inquiry.

AACS can disclose that all members contribute membership fees.

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2. Are you able to list those fees for us?

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3. Just a reminder: if, indeed, the organisation does receive support, I'm looking for the nature of support, the amount of value provided, the name of the entity or person providing it and any other related information.

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4. When you are coming back to us with the information relating to the figure in terms of the support you receive, which you both took on notice, I would also be interested if you could provide us, as part of those declarations, information relating to extra funding you may have received through tobacco or e-cigarette companies as they relate to campaigns you've participated in or been involved in as well.

AACS has not entered arrangements with any member that requires it to use membership fees in any specific way. All membership fees are utilised to support the advocacy, connection & knowledge of members in the best interests of the convenience retail industry.