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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement
Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report
2018–19

QoN Number: EACICAR-002

Subject: Annual expenditure on illicit tobacco in Australia

Asked by: Mr Craig Kelly MP (Chair)

Question:

You have estimates for methamphetamines, cocaine, heroin and cannabis. Do you have a figure for the illegal sale of tobacco?

Answer:

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) does not have access to an estimated figure for the annual expenditure on illegal sale of tobacco. Based on available information from the Illicit Tobacco Taskforce (of which the ACIC is a member), in 2018-19, the value of seizures of illicit tobacco was estimated to be over \$710 million (this value is based on tax/excise avoided from illicitly imported and illicitly grown tobacco).