

Witness	Question	Hansard reference
Mr Andrew Gregson, Imperial Tobacco Australia	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Also, in the Imperial Tobacco submission you have drawn a reference, without very much detail, to cigarettes and terrorism. I am just wondering what you can tell us about that: 'specific links between cigarette smuggling and international terrorist organisations such as the IRA, PKK, Hezbollah and al-Qaeda'. What is the source of that? Can you give us some more detail?</p> <p>Mr Gregson: It is my understanding that a number of international organisations, including the World Health Organization, have drawn that link. If you would like specific data on where those links are drawn, we are happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Yes, please. I think I will have that one on notice, if you don't mind.</p>	Page 7

Please find below additional detail with respect to the question taken on notice by Imperial Tobacco at the recent inquiry into illicit trade.

The particular reference in question is taken from the US Department of State Report "The Global Illicit Trade in Tobacco: A Threat To National Security" (December 2015) – see page 7. The report in its entirety is attached for the reference of the Committee.

There are also a number of other reports and sources which provide further detail, for instance:

- The Financial Action Taskforce (FATF) "FATF Report: Illicit Tobacco Trade" (June 2012) – references throughout, but especially section 4D (page 21) and 4E (page 22). The main report details cases where tobacco smuggling networks were set up to fund terror groups and plan attacks.
<http://www.fatf-gafi.org/media/fatf/documents/reports/Illicit%20Tobacco%20Trade.pdf>
- Interpol "Countering Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products: A Guide for Policy Makers" (June 2014) – there are a number of references to links to terrorist organisations, but section 1.9 on page 25 is particularly relevant.
<http://www.interpol.int/Crime-areas/Trafficking-in-illicit-goods-and-counterfeiting/Legal-assistance/Legal-publications>
- OECD "Illicit Trade: Converging Criminal Networks" (2015) – there are a number of references throughout the document, but page 141 contains a section titled "Links with organised crime and terrorist groups".
<http://www.oecd.org/risk/illicit-trade-converging-criminal-networks.pdf>

I trust this information is of assistance.