

## Senate Committee: Community Affairs Committee

### QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Budget Estimates 2023-2024**

**Outcome:**

**PDR Number:** SQ23-001049

**Question Subject:** Climate Active accreditation for British American Tobacco

**Type of Question:** Written

**Senator:** Hollie Hughes

#### **Question:**

During our Supplementary Budget Estimates, on February 16, I asked the Department of Health about a letter from the Health Department to DCCEEW regarding the rescinding of its Climate Active accreditation for British American Tobacco, despite this business meeting its climate obligations.

Hansard confirms Professors Kelly and Murphy said it would be taken on notice. It's June and I have not received any correspondence, replies or letters from the Department.

1. Despite the fact, this is a breach of your obligation as a government agency for transparency and could be construed as contempt for the Senate Estimates process - is it possible, the agency simply forgot?
2. Will or are you able to provide these to me now and by the due date?

#### **Answer:**

The Department of Health and Aged Care received an unprecedented number of questions on notice following the February 2023 Supplementary Budget Estimates. This resulted in a short delay in the tabling of some responses. The answer to your question (SQ23-000077) was tabled on 2 June 2023.