

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-2011, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-029

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PLAIN PACKAGING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Bernardi asked:

- a) Prior to the Government announcement of 29 April 2010, did the Department prepare a Regulatory Impact Study (RIS) and when, who did the Department consult with, what impacts did the Study identify for small retailers, and what advice did the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) provide in relation to the RIS?
- b) Did the Department consult with retailers on the RIS about the potential job losses, impact on employment (including part-time and casual staff), channel shift?

Answer:

- a) Prior to the Government announcement of 29 April 2010 the Department prepared a draft Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). The Department consulted with the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) regarding the Department's draft RIS during April 2010. The draft RIS was submitted to OBPR on 27 April 2010.

As the RIS was only in draft form, the analysis of possible impact on small business was not finalised. On 4 May 2010 the OBPR advised that a Post Implementation Review would be required to assess the regulatory impact on business.

- b) No.