

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-2011, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-052

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PLAIN PACKAGING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Ryan asked:

Can the Department rule out the possibility that plain packaging might increase dangerous illicit or counterfeit tobacco consumption and the risk it poses to consumers of tobacco products?

Answer:

The Department does not consider that plain packaging will have a significant impact on the illicit trade in tobacco products. The Department considers that the smoking of any tobacco product, whether licit or illicit, is fundamentally harmful to human health.