

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Alcohol Policy

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Australia has been without a National Alcohol Strategy since 2011 when the last strategy expired. This strategy was actually due to expire in 2009 however it was extended to 2011 to allow more time for a new strategy to be developed. Since the last National Alcohol Strategy expired 4 years ago, has work started on developing a National Alcohol Strategy and if so, when can we expect to see it released?

**Answer:**

The InterGovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD) is developing the next iteration of a National Alcohol Strategy for 2016-21. This work is being progressed by the IGCD during 2015 and expected to be provided to governments for consideration by early 2016.