

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Tobacco Plain Packaging

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**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

**Question:**

Regarding the following testimony at Estimates on 25 February 2015 involving an offer to take a question on notice, please take that question on notice.

“Mr Smyth: We went through a select tender process off a pre-approved panel list to receive proposals from a number of organisations.

Senator LEYONHJELM: A pre-approved panel?

Mr Smyth: That is right. There are a number of qualified panel lists for particular economic evaluations, and the like, that are available to departments, so we utilised that panel.

Senator LEYONHJELM: How many were invited?

Mr Smyth: I would have to take that on notice. There is at least three in the first instance, I think.”

**Answer:**

A Request for Quote (RFQ) for consultancy services to inform the Post Implementation Review of the tobacco plain packaging measure was initially available to three identified suppliers on a Department of Health Panel. The RFQ was listed on AusTender from 4 to 22 September 2014. No quotations were received.

It was then made available to nine identified consultancy services on a Department of Social Services Panel. This RFQ was listed on AusTender from 24 October to 10 November 2014.