

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Tobacco Plain Packaging Act

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Senator WATT: 2014-15 as well, yes. You have no sense at all of whether that number in 2015-16 was an increase on the previous year or a decrease?

Dr Southern: I do not know if my colleague can assist.

Mr Masri: No. It is another matter I think I will have to take on notice and get back to you.

Senator WATT: You do not have those figures with you, Mr Masri?

Mr Masri: No. I think the ones that the deputy secretary—

Answer:

As indicated in the table in response to question on notice SQ17-00061 there was an increase in the number of matters in 2015-16. This reflects the receipt of a large number of complaints from a tobacco company about a number of entities on 30 June 2016 which became subject to investigation in the 2016-2017 year.