

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-000063

**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Tobacco Plain Packaging Act

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 89, 1 March 2017

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Senator WATT: How many entities have been investigated and found to have breached the act since the legislation has come in?

Dr Southern: I would be drawing on the figures that we have and making some assumptions about actual breaches, but I think that the 135 warning letters would certainly be indicative of breaches—and obviously the infringement notices. What I am not sure about is the 124 reinspections that I talked about—whether they related to actual infringements of the legislation. I would have to take that detail on notice.

**Answer:**

As indicated in the response provided to Question on Notice SQ17-000064, 129 entities have been sent warning letters. Warning letters are followed up by a reinspection. At this time some reinspections are pending following the recent issue of warning letters.