

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

**Topic:** e-Cigarettes

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

**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

**Question:**

Can the Department provide any evidence that e-cigarette use would increase and re-normalise smoking?

**Answer:**

Recent longitudinal studies have reported an association between e-cigarette use in non-smokers and the uptake of tobacco cigarette smoking in the future.<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>

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