

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

Topic: Poisons Standard - Cigarettes

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Leyonhjelm, David

Question:

Is there any cost from the inconsistency whereby cigarettes are excluded from the Poisons Standard but e-cigarettes are not?

Answer:

The delegate makes a scheduling decision based on each application received and in line with the criteria under subsection 52E(1) of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, including the risks and benefits of the substance, the purposes for which a substance is to be used, toxicity, the potential for abuse and any other matters the delegate considers necessary to protect public health.

Cost is not a consideration under 52E(1).