

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

Topic: Alcohol Guidelines

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Leyonhjelm, David

Question:

The NHMRC is updating its 2009 guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol. The NHMRC website states that, if possible, consumers and/or representatives from the guideline target group are invited to join the guideline development committee. Was an alcohol consumer or representative of alcohol consumers invited to join the committee? If not, why not?

Answer:

The target audience of the guideline is the Australian public. Ms Anne McKenzie has been appointed as a consumer representative and Mr Scott Wilson has been appointed as a consumer representative with a particular focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.