

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Emergency physicians are constantly in the media calling for immediate action to reduce alcohol-fuelled violence and reduce the harms caused by misuse and abuse of alcohol. What measures have been implemented to provide a consistent national approach to the supply of, and access to, alcohol?

Answer:

Responsibility for regulation of alcohol supply sits with state and territory jurisdictions, which enables each to respond to particular local community needs. The Australian Government is supportive of the actions taken by states and territories to reduce alcohol related harms.

The Commonwealth is working with the states and territories to develop the next *National Alcohol Strategy* to agree national priorities for reducing alcohol related harms.