

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Does the National Drug Strategy 2010-2015 also take into account other research and surveys such as the Australian Crime Commission's (ACC) Illicit Drug Data Report released earlier this year which provided mounting evidence that crystal meth is becoming a large-scale problem for law enforcement and health authorities in Australia?

Answer:

The National Drug Strategy 2010-2015 is overseen by the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD). Issues of data collection, enhancement, management and research and data from a range of sources (including the ACC Illicit Drug Data Report) are regularly considered and discussed by the IGCD to inform efforts under the National Drug Strategy and development of national policy.