

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Illicit Drugs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

Has the Department determined if higher levels of illicit drugs are being consumed in regional versus metropolitan areas?

Answer:

Publicly available data from the National Drug Strategy Household Survey by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) provides information on illicit drug use by social characteristics including geographical location. These results are available from the AIHW website at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/alcohol-and-other-drugs/ndshs/2013/data-and-references/>