

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Topic: Single Convention on Narcotics and Drugs 1961

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Moore

Question:

How does Australia comply with the Single Convention on Narcotics and Drugs 1961, administered by the International Narcotics Control Board through the provision of a “separate agency” as described by Prof. Skerritt?

Answer:

Countries who are signatories to the Single Convention, who permit cultivation of medicinal cannabis, are required to have a single body for the regulation of medicinal cannabis. As Australia does not permit cultivation of cannabis, no such agency is in place.