

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: bet 37

Topic: ABS – Ready-to-Drink Data

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Senator Coonan asked:

Senator COONAN—I just want to clarify a couple of earlier answers. Could you provide the full ABS trend data on consumption of RTDs which shows that a 37 per cent fall in consumption is within normal seasonal fluctuations?

Mr Ray—That is not quite what I said, but we will see what we can provide to help you on that question. It is not quite what I said.

Answer:

Our data is sourced directly from the Australian Taxation Office and Customs. This data suggests that unadjusted monthly variations can account for variations in spirits consumption.