

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Topic: Tobacco measure – Prime Minister’s exemption

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Now, after the budget, I understand that the duty-free allowance for tobacco measure was listed on the OBPR website as non-compliant, initially. Is that true?

Answer:

At no stage was this measure listed as non-compliant.

On 9 May 2012 notification of the Prime Minister’s exemption was listed prematurely on the OBPR web site. The advice was intended to be published with advice on other budget measures. On 21 May 2012 the OBPR published the notification of the Prime Minister’s exemption along with other Regulation Impact Statements relating to 2012-13 Budget measures. The measure was described on both occasions as requiring a Regulation Impact Statement and compliant as the Prime Minister had provided an exemption (on 3 May 2012).