

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Program 1.1**

**Question No. 28**

**Senator Boyce asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2011:**

My next question is in regard to the Interdepartmental Committee on Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products. The Department of Health and Ageing says you are a member of that committee as well. Again, I would like some information on your role in that committee.

- a) Who attends on your behalf?
- b) How often does that committee meet?
- c) Could you provide a list of the meeting dates?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a) Officers from the Office of International Law in the Attorney-General's Department have attended three meetings of that Committee. Mr Stephen Bouwhuis attended the 27 October 2010 meeting, Mr Richard Braddock attended the 10 February 2011 meeting and Mr David Brightling attended the 24 March 2011 meeting.
- b) The Department of Health and Ageing convenes interdepartmental meetings on tobacco plain packaging as required.
- c) The meetings listed in answer 1 are the only meetings of this Committee we are aware of.