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**Sent:** Thursday, 12 March 2009 4:30 PM

**To:** Griffiths, Owen (SEN)

**Subject:** Senate Committee Affairs Committee

Reading through Hansard, I note that we had a question on notice. I note the question (from Senator Cormann) followed by my response:

Question: Are RTDs now treated in the same way, from a taxation point of view, as all other alcohol products?

Response: No.

**From:** Steve Allsop [mailto:S.Allsop@curtin.edu.au]

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**To:** Griffiths, Owen (SEN)

**Subject:** RE: Senate Committee Affairs Committee - additional question to previous witnesses

Please see my response to the questions below. I assume you are specifically referring to the article that appeared in the MJA. I note the following

1. No-one commissioned the research. The report was a collaborative and independent piece of academic work instigated by a group of academics from separate institutions who were writing in response to another academic article that appeared in the Lancet.
2. The sales data presented in the article were collected by AC Nielsen. The authors verified the title and attribution of the data with AC Nielsen

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