Final Report

Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010

Referral of inquiry

On 13 May 2010, the Senate referred the Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010 to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 October 2010.

The bill seeks to restrict the hours during which takeaway alcoholic beverages can be sold.

Conduct of inquiry

In accordance with usual practice, the inquiry was advertised in *The Australian* and on the Internet inviting submissions by 31 August 2010. The committee also wrote directly to a number of organisations and individuals inviting submissions to the inquiry.

The committee received six submissions. The committee appreciates the contribution of those that made submissions to this inquiry. These submissions will be tabled in the Senate.

Conclusion

On 19 July 2010, the Governor-General prorogued the 42nd Parliament and dissolved the House of Representatives. After due consideration, the committee has resolved not to continue its inquiry into the bill. If the bill is reintroduced in the new parliament, the Senate may again refer it to the committee for inquiry.

Senator Claire Moore Chair