

Efforts to Disrupt Black Market Trade of Tobacco and Vaping Products

Mr FERGUSON question to MINISTER for MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

As you are aware, there is an increasing trade in illicit black-market tobacco and vaping products occurring across our state, including my electorate in Bass. My constituent is a legal tobacconist who must comply with strict rules of product supply, storage and sales. Legal tobacco sellers must also pay significant tobacco seller license fees to pay for the cost of government regulation. My question is, what is the government doing to disrupt and confiscate illegal product due to the failure of the federal government to stop illegal imports arriving in our country? Also, will you work with your colleague, the Minister for Police, and look at the work occurring in South Australia to disincentivise and shutdown dodgy illegal sellers which include organised crime syndicates to identify new solutions that will assist our community here in Tasmania?