

ASSESSMENT OF THE COSTS, BENEFITS AND ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

Cost of the Committee

The amendment to the motion should place little extra cumulative responsibility onto the committee as it highlights an area of the subject that would be researched thoroughly in order for the committee to perform the functions set out in the original motion satisfactorily. As such there should be no additional work on the staff of the APS, and no additional cost, as a result of this amendment.

Benefits of the Committee

The motion establishes terms of reference but omits specific but highly relevant strands of the debate on the issue. Agreeing to the amendment will enable the committee, and therefore this assembly, to consider the topic more fully and not ignore relevant strands omitted from the Terms of Reference in the original motion.