

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

At the November Estimates hearing, Professor Skerritt mentioned that the new requirements of the Office of Best Practice Regulation meant that, "...a wider range of regulatory options to be canvassed and costed". Has this work been undertaken by the TGA?

Answer:

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) continues to work with the Health portfolio's Deregulation Unit to reduce red tape and implement the Government's deregulation agenda without compromising public health and safety.

The TGA has developed a tool to estimate the cost of regulatory options. Use of the tool has been agreed by the Office of Best Practice Regulation for estimating the regulatory burden for the options provided in Regulation Impact Statements prepared by the TGA.