

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question:

In relation to page 67 of the Portfolio Budget Statement:

- a) In 2011-12, how many alleged breaches has the TGA been notified of?
- b) What percentage of alleged breaches did the TGA assess within 10 working days of notification?
- c) For what percentage of alleged breaches did the TGA provide an appropriate response – not just initiate – within those 10 working days?
- d) Where can the various stages for an ‘appropriate’ response be found?

Answer:

- a) From 1 June 2011 to present, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has been notified of 1,210 alleged breaches.
- b) The TGA assessed 100 per cent of the alleged breaches it was notified of within ten working days.
- c) The TGA provided an appropriate response to 100 per cent of the alleged breaches within ten working days.
- d) A response to notification of alleged breaches is made on a case by case basis determined by the merits and the seriousness of the alleged offence.