

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response**

**Topic:** Antimicrobial resistance

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**Senator:** Senator Di Natale

**Question:**

In September 2003 the Australian Government released a Strategy for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in Australia. Have there been any progress reports produced on how this strategy has been implemented?

**Answer:**

There have been no progress reports produced on the implementation of the Strategy for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in Australia. However, regular surveillance updates were provided to Expert Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance by Commonwealth Interdepartmental Joint expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance (JETACAR) Implementation Group, including information from both the health and agriculture portfolios.