

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 the 2011 Health Ministers' Conference Communique Ministers noted the release of Antimicrobial Stewardship in Australian Hospitals 2011, by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, an important part of national action to combat antimicrobial resistance in Australia. Is there any coordinated and ongoing work by Australia's Health Ministers to address the implementation of the recommendations of the 2000 JETACAR report, or the 2003 Strategy for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in Australia or any other relevant strategies?

Answer:

There are ongoing activities being implemented under the auspices of Health Ministers' through the Standing Committee on Health (SCoH), previously the Australian Health Ministers' Conference). The activities being implemented by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, which reports to the SCoH, include the activities listed under the response provided to E12-276.