

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Influenza Vaccine Contract

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Were the results of the most recent TGA audit taken into account when the federal government awarded its latest \$117m contract to supply the nation's flu vaccine until 2016?

Answer:

Information on the audits undertaken by the Therapeutic Goods Administration into Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) Biotherapies (CSL) manufacturing processes were considered by the Delegate when making the decision to award CSL a contract for the supply of seasonal and pandemic influenza vaccine.