

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Priority Existing Chemicals (PEC) Assessment Reports

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Senator: Senator Waters

Question:

What is the average time and cost of Priority Existing Chemicals (PEC)?
(this was asked by Senator Larissa Waters, and was asked in the context of the fact that NICNAS has conducted 220 PEC assessments to date).

Answer:

The time and cost to assess a Priority Existing Chemical (PEC) varies dependent on the scope and complexity of the assessment, the amount of information to be assessed, and changes in costs over time due to variations in Consumer Price Index and Wage Cost Index. Based on current available data, the average time to assess a chemical as a PEC is approximately 20 weeks.