

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000203

Senator Leyonhjelm provided in writing.

Question

SWA - Model WHS Regulations 2011

Can SWA confirm that all the GHS information required by the Model WHS Regulations 2011 to be included on APVMA approved AgVet chemical product labels is already available in the Safety Data Sheets that are legally required to be on-site and are also readily available online?

Answer

This is correct. Safety data sheets (SDS) and labels are designed and intended to work together. Accordingly, for all other workplace hazardous chemicals, hazard and precautionary statements appear on both the label and the SDS. The label is the most commonly and easily accessed source of information. Including hazard and precautionary statements on the label for AgVet chemicals ensures workers handling these chemicals are provided with the same kind of information as workers in other sectors.