

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2015

Public Hearing, Friday 5 February 2015

Questions on Notice National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Question from Senator Rhiannon (Page 25):

What is the number of individuals that are needed to maintain genetic diversity for each of those four species? If you have it, that would be excellent, but I do think that is relevant to what we are discussing here, because you have named that as one of the reasons.

NHMRC Response:

NHMRC is not able to provide you with an exact number that is required to maintain genetic diversity for each of the four species. The numbers will be dependent on the size of the colony, the genetic background of each individual non-human primate and the rate of depletion.

Question from Senator Rhiannon (Page 25):

Examples of animal testing that have resulted in drugs being prescribed to humans and used that have had adverse effects.

NHMRC response:

As NHMRC does not have responsibility for the regulation of drugs, the response below has been provided by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

TGA RESPONSE

- Prescription medicines may have unwanted adverse effects in some people. All medicines can have adverse effects; sometimes they are serious, but most of the time they are not.
- Possible adverse effects of a medicine are described in the medicine's Product Information and Consumer Medicines Information