

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Select Committee on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

Inquiry into the extent, regulation and management of PFAS

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**Protecting us against the harm of chemical corporations**

**Written**

**Senator:** Lidia Thorpe

**Question:**

6. Who is ultimately responsible for protecting us against the harm of chemical corporations?

**Answer:**

- Companies are regulated through general legislative frameworks, such as the *Corporations Act*, and overseen by corporate regulators, such as the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
- Companies are also subject to a range of other more specific regulatory regimes, which are themselves administered by specialist regulators. These specialist regimes include the National Food Standards Code, the Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme and the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard.