

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-304

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What are the current prescribing parameters of antipsychotic drugs such as risperidone?

Answer:

The approved indications for prescription medicines that have been registered in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) can be obtained from the publically accessible ARTG database at

<https://www.ebs.tga.gov.au/ebs/ANZTPAR/PublicWeb.nsf/cuMedicines?OpenView>

In the case of antipsychotic medicine risperidone, the indication approved by the TGA is: *Treatment of schizophrenia and related psychoses. Short-term treatment of acute mania associated with bipolar 1 disorder. Treatment of behavioural disturbances in dementia. Treatment of conduct and other disruptive disorders in children (over 5 years), adolescents and adults with subaverage intellectual functioning or mental retardation in whom destructive behaviours (e.g. aggression, impulsivity and self-injurious behaviours) are prominent. Treatment of behavioural disorders associated with autism in children and adolescents.*