

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-305

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MEDICAL DEVICES - PIP BREAST IMPLANTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In light of recent calls to improve post-market surveillance and patient safety following the Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, is the Department considering expanding the use of post-market surveillance data to inform decisions made around safety and effectiveness?

Answer:

This matter was extensively canvassed during the review of Health Technology Assessment in Australia and is covered in Recommendation 14 of that review. It remains under consideration by the Government.