

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-306

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: MEDICAL DEVICES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Following the Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, is the Therapeutic Goods Administration considering measures to increase the rate of reporting of adverse events by health service providers and consumers?

Answer:

Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is continuing its efforts to improve the rate of reporting of adverse events by health service providers and consumers.

Reporting of adverse events by consumers and health service providers is voluntary. TGA has undertaken mailouts to professionals and to consumer groups and has provided brochure style information to increase awareness of the TGA's reporting schemes. TGA staff also regularly attend conferences of health professionals to promote reporting. The TGA website has been amended to make it easier for people to report adverse events.