

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-308

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MEDICAL DEVICES - PIP BREAST IMPLANTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the recent Poly Implant Prothèse breast implant issue, some health consumer organisations have suggested that a national, data-linked, real-time adverse event reporting system would have eliminated the need for a dedicated hotline. Is the Commonwealth considering this advice?

Answer:

This matter was extensively canvassed during the review of Health Technology Assessment in Australia and is covered in Recommendation 13 of that review. It remains under consideration by the Government.