

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-046

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Myozyme, a life saving drug used to treat Pompe Disease

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

Given that the drug is available to children with early onset of the disease, does this not speak for itself and demonstrate the effectiveness of the drug?

Answer:

No. Like many other diseases, commencement of this disease at birth versus development later in life reflects different disease severity and clinical features.