

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Therapeutic Goods Administration Blueprint Reforms

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

At the November Estimates hearing, Professor Skerritt indicated that the next progress report for TGA Blueprint implementation would be expected at six monthly intervals with the next report expected 'around Christmas'. It is now February we have not seen a report. Does the Minister have a copy of the report and when is it likely to be released publicly? Has the report been provided as yet to the Therapeutic Goods Advisory Council for review?

**Answer:**

*TGA reforms: a blueprint for TGA's future - Progress report as at 31 December 2013* was published on the Therapeutic Goods Administration website following approval of the Assistant Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash. It is available at <http://www.tga.gov.au/about/tga-reforms-blueprint-progress-131231.htm>

The report was reviewed by the Australian Therapeutic Goods Advisory Council at their meeting of 4 February 2014.