

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

**Topic:** Trans-Pacific Partnership & Impact of Negotiations on Health Policy

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and pharmacy access:

Is the Government considering accepting any obligations in the TPP negotiations that would expand or extend pharmaceutical monopolies in Australia?

**Answer:**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has policy responsibility for free trade negotiations. The Department of Health works closely with DFAT on health policy issues related to trade negotiations.