

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and Impact of Negotiations on Health Policy

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and the TGA:

Is the Government considering accepting any obligations in the TPP negotiations that would require changes to Australian patent law or the Therapeutic Goods Act?

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.