

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016**

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**Topic:** Animal Testing/Cosmetics

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**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

**Question:**

Can you provide an update on how many cosmetic ingredients have had manufacturers or importer applications to NICNAS to accept overseas non-animal tested substances validated in other jurisdictions?

**Answer:**

Only the 'Standard' National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) assessment certificate category has statutory data requirements that have historically relied on animal testing. In the period July 2013 to December 2015, there were 9 Standard assessment certificates completed for chemicals used solely as cosmetic ingredients in which non-animal test methods and/or historical animal test data on analogue chemicals were accepted for at least one of the required toxicological data endpoints, in place of animal test data on the new chemical.