

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 16, 3 March 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 10 - Sport and Recreation

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

**Senator:** Madigan, John

**Question:**

Can ASADA please supply documentation that clearly shows Essendon players had clear and unambiguous access to the WADA banned substances list at the time the alleged offences took place that showed the substance Thymosin beta-4 was on the WADA banned list.

**Answer:**

The World Anti-Doping Code mandates that the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) publish an annual list of Prohibited Substances and Methods. This is known as the 'Prohibited List'. The Prohibited List has been published by WADA since 2004.

The current Prohibited List is published on WADA's website at [www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/science-medicine/prohibited-list](http://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/science-medicine/prohibited-list). Archived versions of the Prohibited List for each year since 2004 are accessible via the same link.

In addition to internet publication, WADA also makes the Prohibited List available for mobile devices with free applications available for download. The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority website also contains an information page about the Prohibited List with a link to the Prohibited List at [www.asada.gov.au/substances/prohibited-substances-and-methods](http://www.asada.gov.au/substances/prohibited-substances-and-methods).

For copies of the Prohibited List, please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ16-000276.

Australian Football League (AFL) players are provided with annual education sessions from the AFL to assist them in their understanding of their obligations under the AF Anti-Doping Code.