

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** BioShield Act

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

**Senator:** Abetz, Eric

**Question:**

Is the TGA aware of the United States BioShield Act and Project to acquire and stockpile medical countermeasures to biological, chemical, radiological and nuclear agents for homeland security personnel and civilian use?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health is aware of the Bioshield project and associated legislation. It is noted that a key element of the Act was to allow stockpiling and distribution of vaccines which had not been tested for safety or efficacy in humans, due to ethical concerns.