

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Smallpox Vaccine

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Abetz, Eric

Question:

Is the TGA aware that this third generation of smallpox vaccine is designed to protect individuals suffering from an atopic dermatitis or infected by HIV who may suffer adverse reactions to generation one or two smallpox vaccines?

Answer:

The Therapeutic Goods Administration is aware that reference to HIV/immunosuppressed individuals and atopic dermatitis is made in the European Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) document for Imvanex (previously named Imvamune), including a warning to tell your doctor or nurse before you receive Imvanex if you have atopic dermatitis, HIV or any other condition or treatment leading to a weakened immune system.