

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Certification of Vaccines

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Abetz, Eric

Question:

Does the TGA recognise certification of vaccines by international agencies? If so, which vaccines certified by international agencies does the TGA recognise? [Only those considered as an agent for use as a biological threat]

Answer:

No, the Therapeutic Goods Administration does not currently recognise certification of vaccines by international agencies. However, the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* contains provisions under section 18A that allows for the importation and supply of unregistered therapeutic goods in the event of an emergency so that goods may be stockpiled as quickly as possible in order to create a preparedness to deal with an emergency.