

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Medicinal Cannabis

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Senator DI NATALE: On notice, can I ask you to provide a list of those oversight mechanisms in each state, the clinician who is able to prescribe and whether that be a GP with specialist oversight. Could I have the detail on each of those? Dr Skerritt: Yes.

**Answer:**

Medicinal cannabis products have different oversights in the states and territories depending on the scheduling of the product and the different state/territory legislation.

For Schedule 4 products i.e. cannabidiol products, only Queensland and Tasmania have any oversight on its prescribing under their legislation. The other states/territories treat it as a standard prescription medicine.

The different states/territories allow the following medical practitioners to prescribe medicinal cannabis products.

S8 products

State / Territory Applications	Specialists	GPs
ACT (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Yes with specialist support (SASB only)
QLD patient class (equivalent to TGA AP)	Yes	No
QLD single patient (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes
NSW (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Yes, with specialist support (SASB only)
VIC - Eligible patient (equivalent to TGA AP although currently restricted to Paediatricians for intractable epilepsy.)	Yes	No
VIC – exceptional circumstances (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes
TAS ( equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	No
SA (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Yes, with specialist support
WA – notification (equivalent to TGA AP)	Yes	Can be nominated as a “co-prescriber” by specialist
WA – authorisation (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes with specialist support
NT (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Can assist specialist with ongoing prescriptions

S4 products – only states/territories that require S/T approval

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QLD patient class (equivalent to TGA AP)	Yes	No
QLD single patient (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes
TAS (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	No