

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

**Topic:** Scheduling of Products Containing Codine

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

**Senator:** Leyonhjelm, David

**Question:**

Regarding the issue of moving codeine to prescription only, I have been advised by the Department's Adjunct Professor John Skerritt that rescheduling codeine was originally proposed in public submissions by two groups of healthcare professionals. Please advise who these two groups were.

**Answer:**

Original applications to amend the Poisons Standard are not published. The applicant's reasons for their proposal are summarised in the published interim and final decision documents.

The applicant can choose to make their application public via their own channels.

There are two opportunities for the public (including the applicant) to comment on proposed changes to the Poisons Standard.

Submissions received through these public consultation periods (noting that the applicant can also provide a submission on their original application) are published but can contain some redactions to protect individual and personal information.