

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

Topic: Imported Blood Products

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Murray Watt

Question:

- a) I understand the National Blood Authority is currently holding a consultation process with suppliers and stakeholders via a Request for Information and stakeholder consultation paper to inform future decision making for the supply of imported blood products. What is the NBA looking to achieve from the current public consultation process?
- b) Following the conclusion of the public consultation, can you explain the steps for evaluation, deliberation and policy formation?
- c) Will the outcomes of the consultation process be made publicly available?

Answer:

- a) The National Blood Authority (NBA) issued a public Request for Information (RFI) and Stakeholder Consultation Paper to inform forward decision making regarding the procurement of imported blood products and to assist the NBA to achieve best overall value for money outcomes. The RFI closed on 17 March 2017.
- b) The information received is now being collated by the NBA and will be considered in the context of clinical and other stakeholder requirements, market conditions and product developments, security of supply, and value for money considerations. Following this consideration, the NBA may decide to exercise available contract options with existing contracts, issue a public tender to invite further formal proposals, negotiate tendering arrangements with suppliers if and where appropriate or undertake a combination of these actions.
- c) A summary of the information obtained from the consultation process will be published on the NBA website.