

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

Topic: Asbestos Safety

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Roberts, Malcolm

Question:

What is the government doing with regard to ensuring potentially dangerous asbestos in buildings is removed throughout Australia. For example an old cheese factory at Kongorong in South Australia has an asbestos roof and the building is deteriorating badly. It requires a big cleanup job on the roof whether it is kept as a building or is destroyed, but it is a private building. Are there any plans for cleaning up the asbestos in cases like this?

Answer:

Environmental health issues such as asbestos management are the responsibility of state and territory governments.