

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-018

OUTCOME: 1: Population Health

Topic: PAYMENT TO US GOVERNMENT BY DE PUY ORTHOPAEDICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Xenophon asked:

In September 2007, De Puy Orthopaedics agreed to pay \$84.7 million to the US Government as part of an agreement to avoid criminal prosecution over financial inducements the company paid to surgeons for the use of their products.

- a) Was the TGA aware of this case at the time?
- b) Was De Puy, or De Puy's products, subject to additional scrutiny because of this?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) Not applicable, see a).