

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question: E13-134**

**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Double Stranded RNA

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**Senator:** Siewert

**Question:**

In relation to applications considered by the OGTR involving double stranded RNA, can you please advise:

- a) the total number of such applications assessed by the OGTR;
- b) what particular crops have been involved; and
- c) in what year the first approval was given.

**Answer:**

- a) 19 such applications assessed and licences issued in total. All of these applications have been for small-scale field trials conducted under strict conditions to restrict the spread and persistence of the Genetically Modified Organisms and their genetic material in the environment, and material from these trials is not permitted to enter the human food or animal feed supply. The assessments and licence conditions for all of these applications are available on the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator website [www.ogtr.gov.au](http://www.ogtr.gov.au)
- b) Crops involved are: barley; cotton; grapevine; oilseed poppy; papaya; perennial ryegrass; pineapple; rose; safflower; sugarcane; tall fescue; torenia; wheat.
- c) 2002.