

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-244

OUTCOME: 12 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Workforce Capacity

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale

Question:

Has the Department evaluated the option of licencing pharmacists to provide vaccinations?

Answer:

The provision of vaccines is governed by state and territory legislation relating to poisons and controlled substances.

The Department of Health and Ageing is aware that this issue is of interest to a number of pharmacy stakeholders and has considered broadly the feasibility of pharmacists providing vaccinations. The Department has not evaluated a specific proposal.