

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Topic: Coal Seam Gas

Type of Question: Written Questions on Notice

Senator: Waters, Larissa

Question:

- a) When is the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with CSG extraction to be completed?
- b) Has there been any budget cuts to this assessment?
- c) Will budget cuts to any of the participating agencies – Department of Environment, CSIRO – have an impact on how this assessment proceeds?
- d) Can you confirm that this \$4.2M assessment will involve assessing available data, not collecting new information?
- e) What kind of questions are you finding will not be answered in this assessment, because we don't have the data?

Answer:

a) to e)
This project commenced in July 2012 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. The findings of the project will be made public once they are finalised. There have been no budget cuts associated with the project.