

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:

The voluntary industry survey involves asking CSG companies what chemicals they're using.

- a) How many CSG companies have you surveyed?
- b) Have all of them been cooperative, and forthcoming with information you need?
- c) Have there been any claims of commercial in confidence made?
- d) If so, how many?
- e) Are you confident you are getting accurate information, that there is no risk of any information being withheld?
- f) Why are you unable to require them to provide this information, given you are doing a health risk assessment of the industry?

Answer:

These matters are being investigated as part of the National Assessment of Chemicals Association with Coal Seam Gas. The findings will be made public once the process is completed.