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:

In your CSG FAQs document, you state that "small amounts" of chemicals injected underground during fracking remain underground –

a) Can you advise roughly how much is injected underground each time a well is fracked, and how much (by weight or by volume, whichever is appropriate) remains underground?

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.