

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:

You state in your FAQs that chemicals already listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances may be used for any industrial application (including fracking) without notifying or getting any approval from NICNAS. From your research to date – what percentage of all chemicals used in fracking is this?

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.