

**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:**

Your website is clear that the Assessment will only look at fracking impacts on surface water and shallow groundwater. CSIRO is developing models to predict impacts in deeper groundwater. What do you mean by “shallow groundwater”?

**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.