

**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:** Merged Blood and Organ Agencies

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

What changes will need to be introduced in order to merge the NBA with the Organ and Tissue Authority? Will there need to be legislation?

**Answer:**

Planning for the merger of the National Blood Authority and the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority is in its early stages. Legislative amendments will be required to establish a new single authority.