Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: Eliminate Dengue Project

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

There was a table that you attached to your question on notice number 69 which have the notifications of vectorborne diseases in Australia in 2013. Could we update that to the end of June 2014?

Answer:

Notifications of vectorborne diseases in Australia, 1 January to 30 June 2014, by state or territory#.

Disease	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Australia	5 Year Mean^
Arbovirus										
infection										
(NEC)*	0	4	0	22	0	0	0	0	26	6.2
Barmah Forest										
virus infection	0	117	18	368	0	0	5	35	543	1,351.8
Chikungunya										
virus infection	0	6	0	5	3	0	5	14	33	30.2
Dengue virus										
infection	10	234	44	318	36	11	96	288	1,037	847.2
Japanese										
encephalitis										
virus infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6
Kunjin virus										
infection	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
Malaria	4	56	4	44	4	1	22	28	163	206.8
Murray Valley										
encephalitis										
virus infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0
Ross River										
virus infection	2	323	284	1,133	30	16	95	1,024	2,907	3,366.0

Source: National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System, extracted 10 July 2014.

#Notifications were analysed by date of diagnosis, which represents the onset date, or the earliest of a range of other dates where no onset date is available.

*Arbovirus not elsewhere classified (NEC) enables the capture of information on cases of emerging flaviviruses that are not separately notifiable.