

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Topic: Supervision of the Blood Service collection of blood and screening processes

Type of Question: Written

Senator: Jan McLucas

Question: What role does the National Blood Authority (NBA) have in supervising the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (the Blood Service) in their collection of blood, and their screening processes?

Answer:

The NBA does not have a role in supervising the Blood Service in their collection of blood and their screening processes, but have a role as a contract manager for reviewing the processes relating to governance, risk management, communication and reporting to the NBA. The Deed of Agreement between the NBA and the Blood Service has specific clauses that require the Blood Service compliance with all applicable Laws including the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, and regulations and orders for blood collection, blood testing and manufacturing of blood and blood products in Australia.

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