

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Pharmacy Agreement

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Does the Department of Health and the Commonwealth Government agree with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia media release of 5 March 2015 which stated that that the ANAO did “not make any adverse findings in relation to its role in the administration of the 5CPA”? Does the Government accept that the ANAO found no adverse finding against the Guild, only against the Department of Health?

Answer:

The Department of Health notes the Pharmacy Guild of Australia’s media release of 5 March 2015 and that in relation to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Report No.25 of 2014-15:

- The audit refers to aspects of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia’s involvement relating to the development, negotiation and administration of the 5CPA; and
- The ANAO did not examine the Pharmacy Guild of Australia’s administration of 5CPA professional programs.