

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Animal-tested Cosmetics and Cosmetic Ingredients

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rhiannon, Lee

Question:

What types of additional requests for animal test data might NICNAS make during an application evaluation?

Answer:

Under section 27 of the *Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Act 1989* (the ICNA Act), the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) can request information, either about a matter covered by the data requirements set out in schedules to the ICNA Act that has not been adequately addressed in the application, or additional information necessary for the purpose of assessing the chemical and that can be given by the applicant.

For the assessment of cosmetic ingredients, NICNAS might make a request under section 27 of the ICNA Act for the applicant to provide either data (including data from tests on animals) that have already been generated on analogue chemicals (i.e. chemicals that are structurally similar and are predicted to have the same or similar toxicity profile), or data on the notified chemical (including data from tests on animals) that are already available (for example data that have been generated to satisfy regulatory requirements overseas). NICNAS does not require additional animal test data to be generated for the purpose of the NICNAS assessment.