

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:

4. Are you able to provide details of any animal testing that has been carried out in Australia or abroad over the past three years in order to fulfil data requirements set out in the ICNA Act, or to meet NICNAS' requests for additional animal test data?

a) If no, why not?

b) If yes, may I also have details such as the region or country in which those tests have been carried out?

Answer:

The National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) is not able to provide this information. NICNAS does not collect information on the reason that an animal test was undertaken. NICNAS can therefore not ascertain from the applications whether animal tests were undertaken for the purposes of introduction into an overseas jurisdiction or whether tests were undertaken expressly for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements under the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* (the ICNA Act). When assessing an application for a cosmetic ingredient, NICNAS does not require that additional animal test data be generated, but may request the applicant to provide any such data that are available to the applicant.