

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 – 2 June 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

**Topic:** Assessment of Chemicals in Cosmetics

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**Senator:** Ruston, Anne

**Question:**

In the last 12 months how many industrial chemicals were introduced into Australia for the purposes of being used in cosmetics?

**Answer:**

In 2013-14, 5,755 new industrial chemicals (as defined in the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* (the ICNA Act)) for use in cosmetics were either introduced under an exemption from assessment or assessed by NICNAS. The data for 2014-15 are not yet available.

However, please note that under the ICNA Act, there is no requirement for introducers of chemicals already listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (existing chemicals –chemicals in commerce) to notify NICNAS.