

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Assessment of Chemicals in Cosmetics

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Question:

In terms of the [chemicals used in cosmetics] that came into Australia, how many were exempt from assessment and how many required full assessment?

Answer:

Of the 5,755 new industrial chemicals introduced for use in cosmetics in 2013-14, 5,701 were exempt from assessment by the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) under the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*.

Eight chemicals required full assessment (i.e. had legislated data requirements that include animal tests) and a further 46 assessed chemicals had no statutory data requirements for health effects.

The data for 2014-15 are not yet available.