

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Rhiannon, Lee

Question:

Will the legislation that will cover cosmetics and animal testing prohibit the repurposing of ingredients newly tested on animals for other purposes for use in cosmetics?

Answer:

The legislation prohibits the use of animal test data to support the introduction of a chemical which is to be used solely in cosmetics. This applies even if the chemical has a range of other uses internationally.

The legislation does not prohibit a chemical that is on the market for other uses from subsequently being used in a cosmetic. Like the existing *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*, the Industrial Chemicals Bill 2017 provides that the Executive Director consider any information that would be relevant to the risk of the chemical to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. This would include animal test data indicating a human health or environmental hazard previously submitted for chemicals for other uses.