

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-066

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RU486

Written Question on Notice

Senator Barnett asked:

Please provide updated data on the number of occasions on which the administration of mifepristone and misoprostol has failed to result in a completed termination of pregnancy.

Answer:

As at 20 October 2010 there have been 14 reports received by TGA of ongoing pregnancy following treatment with these drugs. There have been a total of 3,606 prescribed doses reported to the TGA up to 30 June 2010. This rate (0.4%) is consistent with information provided in the New Zealand Medical Data Sheet (the equivalent to Australia's Product Information), which reports a rate of ongoing pregnancy of between 0 and 1.5%.