

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-069

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RU486

Written Question on Notice

Senator Barnett asked:

- a) What was the nature of the infection or suspected infections reported to the TGA following the use of RU486?
- b) Have any of these cases involved infection with Clostridium sordellii or Clostridium perfringens?

Answer:

- a) As indicated in the answer to E10-067, there have been three reports of infection received by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) following administration of mifepristone. Two of these reports were documented as suspected infection, with the other being for a tubo-ovarian abscess requiring resection.
- b) The TGA does not hold data specifying the causative organism in these infections.