

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-070

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RU486

Written Question on Notice

Senator Barnett asked:

Do any of the protocols approved by the TGA allow the vaginal administration of misoprostol in association with the use of RU486?

Answer:

The protocols submitted to the TGA are approved by the ethics committee who have provided endorsement of the application. These protocols are reviewed by the TGA and form part of the approval to supply mifepristone as an unapproved medicine. As such the TGA do not "approve" any dosage regimes for the administration of either mifepristone or misoprostol.

Some protocols do refer to vaginal administration of misoprostol in association with RU486, and others to oral administration of this medication.