

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-086

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: GENERIC MEDICINES MARKET SHARE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) On what basis has the Minister arrived at the conclusion that Medicines Australia companies supply 60 per cent of generic medicines in Australia?
- b) Is the Minister relying on IMS data?
- c) Does the Minister realise that Australia's leading supplier of generic medicines - Alphapharm, does not provide sales data to IMS and that therefore IMS data is not accurate about the generic medicines market?

Answer:

- a) For a response to this question, please see Question E10-088 a) (Senator Boyce).
- b) No. For a response to this question, please see Question E10-088 b) (Senator Boyce).
- c) The Department is unaware which manufacturers do, or don't, supply sales data to IMS.