

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-246

OUTCOME 9: Private Health

Topic: ARTG REQUIREMENT BEFORE APPROVAL BY PDC

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Does a product need to be approved by the TGA and listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods before it can be approved by the Prostheses and Devices Committee (PDC)?

Answer:

Please note the Prostheses and Devices Committee (PDC) has been replaced by the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC). The PLAC (and previously PDC) make recommendations to the Minister for Health and Ageing about prostheses that are suitable to list on the Prostheses List for mandatory private health insurance benefits.

One of the criteria for listing on the Prostheses List is that the prosthesis is listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.