

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-156

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BLACKMORES

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Senator Di Natale asked:

What was the nature and purpose of the communication with the Pharmacy Guild about the relationship with Blackmores?

Answer:

On 29 September 2011, the National Manager of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) wrote to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild) seeking information in relation to a reported arrangement between the Guild and Blackmores Limited. The TGA advised that it intended to review the legislative requirements relevant to the sale, supply and promotion of these products as medicines listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.