

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11- 270

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: CSL

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can I ask you take on notice how much money has been paid to CSL? It is an enormous amount of money that you pay them

Answer:

In relation to vaccines provided under the National Immunisation Program, the Department of Health and Ageing paid CSL \$24.8 million in 2010-11 (GST incl).

In relation to the manufacture of antivenom products suitable for the treatment of venomous bites/stings peculiar to Australia, the Department paid CSL \$3.7 million in 2010-11 (GST incl).

In relation to plasma and diagnostic reagent products manufactured in Australia and products imported to meet specific clinical demand, the National Blood Authority paid CSL \$215.2 million in 2010-11 (GST incl).

In relation to the manufacture of pandemic influenza vaccine, the Department paid CSL \$542,399 in 2010-11 (GST incl).

In relation to the storage and distribution of tuberculin in Australia, the Department paid CSL \$267,104 (GST incl) over the period of February 2007 to June 2011 with the last payment being \$87,175 (GST incl) in December 2009.