

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: CSL

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Earlier we talked about the CSL and FDA warning letter. Can you tell me what CSL products are currently in the national stockpile, how many units there are, what their value is and when they were purchased?

Answer:

The National Medical Stockpile (NMS) holds a relatively small quantity of one drug sold by CSL in Australia. As this drug is included in the stockpile for a response to a potential bioterrorist incident, the Department does not release the identity of this drug on the public record for national security reasons.