

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-285

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: TECHNICAL GROUP ON IMMUNISATION

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Who are the Members of the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation?
- b) What are the roles of the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation?
- c) On what date was each Member appointed and what are the terms of their appointment?
- d) How does the Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation deal with conflicts of interest?

Answers:

a) The members of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation are:

Name	Date of current appointment	Current term of appointment
<i>MEMBERS (VOTING)</i>		
Prof Terry Nolan (Chair)	01/01/2010	31/12/2013
Assoc. Prof Peter Richmond (Deputy Chair)	01/01/2010	31/12/2013
Assoc. Prof Ross Andrews	01/01/2008	31/12/2011
Dr Nicole Gilroy	01/01/2010	31/12/2011
Professor David Isaacs	01/01/2010	31/12/2013
Dr Joanne Molloy	01/01/2010	31/12/2011
Ms Stephanie Newell	01/01/2008	31/12/2011
Prof Michael Nissen	01/01/2010	31/12/2011
Dr Rod Pearce	01/01/2010	31/12/2011
Ms Helen Pitcher	01/01/2008	31/12/2011
<i>EX-OFFICIO (NON-VOTING) MEMBERS</i>		
Dr Rosemary Lester	01/01/2008	31/12/2011
Ms Sue Campbell-Lloyd	01/01/2008	31/12/2011
Professor Peter McIntyre	01/01/2008	31/12/2011
Dr Grahame Dickson – Therapeutic Goods Administration	N/A	Ongoing
Ms Julianne Quaine – Department of Health and Ageing	N/A	Ongoing

- b) The role of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation is to provide advice to the Minister for Health and Ageing on technical matters relating to the administration of vaccines available in Australia, including those funded under the National Immunisation Program, to advise the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee on the strength of evidence on effectiveness of existing, new and emerging vaccines and their use in Australian populations and provide evidence-based policy and clinical advice through the production of the Australian Immunisation Handbook.
- c) The current dates of appointment for members are listed in the table above.
- d) The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation has in place standard operating procedures to provide for management of conflict of interest which include the declaration of any actual or perceived conflict of interest. Members complete an annual declaration of conflict of interest and submit signed conflict of interest declarations prior to all meetings. Declared conflicts of interest are assessed against the agenda at each meeting by the Chair, in consultation with the committee secretariat. Any conflicts of interest of the Chair, are assessed by the Department of Health and Ageing. Should a conflict of interest be deemed to exist, and depending on the extent of the conflict, a member may participate, or be precluded from participation in the discussion of the relevant item(s) in a meeting and finalisation of any recommendations. A member may also exclude themselves.