

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-292

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: THIRD PARTY CONFORMITY ASSESSORS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Considering the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) review (recommendation 8b) stated that the TGA should respond to the issues raised regarding third party conformity assessment by July 2010, with a view to implementing changes agreed by government by 2011 can the Department now give us an estimate of when the use of third party conformity assessors may be implemented?

Answer:

The third party conformity assessment proposal has not been accepted by the Government at this stage. This proposal is linked to further recommendations in the Senate Affairs Reference Committee Inquiry into the regulatory standards for the approval of medical devices in Australia. The Government will respond to the Senate Inquiry recommendations in due course.