

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-301

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION (TGA) COMPLIANCE

Written Question of Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

With these exemptions in place, is there anything that would stop a public hospital from manufacturing everything that is off patent within their pharmacy?

Answer:

The manufacture of therapeutic goods, other than biologicals, by a person employed by a public hospital or a public institution for supply in hospitals or public institution in the same state or territory is an exempt activity under Therapeutic Goods legislation. Therefore, unless there are breaches of this exemption the TGA has no authority to take regulatory action.