

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 7 – Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

**Topic:** Chemicals in Cosmetics

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

**Question:**

I notice that 16% of chemicals notified under the assessment certificate category in 2013-14 were Cosmetics.

- a) In the last year, how many cosmetics ingredients have had manufacturers' or importers' applications to NICNAS to accept overseas non-animal tested validated data-sets accepted instead of animal-tested datasets?
- b) Could I have details of which ingredients were successful and which were not successful, and why?

**Answer:**

- a) The National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) does not require any product to be tested on animals. Only the 'Standard' NICNAS assessment certificate category has statutory data requirements that have historically relied on animal testing. In the last financial year (2014-15), there were 2 Standard assessment certificates completed for chemicals used solely as cosmetic ingredients in which a non-animal test method was submitted for at least one of the required toxicological data endpoints, in place of animal test data, and/or historical animal test data on analogue chemicals were accepted as a variation to scheduled data requirements.
- b) All applications in 2014-15 were successful.