

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Gene Technology Regulations

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

- 1) Have drafting instructions been submitted for amendments to the Gene Technology Regulations 2001?
- 2) If so, what new plant breeding techniques will be excluded from the GMO regulations under the draft amendments?

Answer:

- 1) Yes.
- 2) The instructions submitted to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel for drafting of amendments to the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 do not include any instructions relating to new plant breeding techniques. Further drafting instructions are yet to be written.