

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

**Ref No:** SQ16-000575

**OUTCOME:** 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

**Topic:** Gene Technology Ethics and Community Committee

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

**Senator:** Rice, Janet

**Question:**

- a) According to the Gene Technology Act 2000, the Minister must not appoint a person as a member of the Ethics and Community Committee unless the Minister is satisfied that the person has skills or experience of relevance to gene technology in relation to a number of areas including issues of concern to consumers; religious practices; human health; animal health and welfare; ethics and environmental issues.
- i. Please name the current members of the Ethics and Community Committee
  - ii. For each current member of the Ethics and Community Committee please list their specific areas of expertise within this list.
- b) Has The Minister appointed any expert advisers to give expert advice to the Ethics and Community Committee on 'new technologies'?
- i. If yes to b) who are they?

**Answer:**

- a) i. Names of the current members of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee are publicly available on the OGTR website, see the [Committee's page](#). Current members are also listed in the 2015-16 annual report on the Operations of the Gene Technology Regulator, available on the [Reports page](#) of the OGTR website.
- ii. Biographies for each of the current members of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee are publicly available on the [Committee's page](#) of the OGTR website.
- b) No. The Minister has not appointed any expert advisers to give advice to the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee on 'new technologies'.
- i. Not applicable.