

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

A recent study in the American Journal of Transplantation described unethical organ procurement procedures in China and called for the need for transparency and international scrutiny in relation to Transplant Medicine in China.

a) Would the Department consider looking in any ways at increasing scrutiny and transparency in relation to transplant medicine in China?

Answer:

The regulation of transplant medicine in China is a matter for that jurisdiction.

Australia is already a signatory to the Declaration of Istanbul and the World Health Organizations Guiding Principles that relate to organ and tissue donation and transplantation.