

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2021-22

Safe Work Australia

Rapid antigen testing work health and safety guidance

Senator Sheldon asked the following question on 16 February 2022.

Ms Baxter: we've asked our members to get back to us by COB today. We have a number of responses from our members, but we have a number that are still outstanding. As Ms Johnston said, we are dependent on our members providing their approval to the requisite majority that we require.

Senator Sheldon: Have they indicated that they've put a degree of urgency on responses?

Ms Baxter: I don't believe we've heard that from any of the members who haven't yet responded, but we will be following up with them tomorrow, as is our usual protocol.

Senator Sheldon: Are you able to tell us who the members are that have responded, and which ones haven't as yet?

Ms Baxter: No, I can take that on notice.

Sheldon: Can you give that to us quickly? Tomorrow?

Ms Baxter: Tomorrow, sure.

The response to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

As at 12:30pm, 17 February 2022, the Agency has received responses on the draft *Guidance on rapid antigen testing of workers* from Safe Work Australia Members representing:

The Commonwealth, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory, South Australia, Victoria, Australian Industry Group, the Australian Council of Trade Unions, and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

At that time, no response had been received from Western Australia.