

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-259

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: RADIATION WORKERS

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Senator Ludlam asked:

Would you undertake to find out when the workforce radiation workers will be able to access that archive and when researchers will be able to access that archive, presumably de-identified?

Answer:

ARPANSA needs to consult with relevant Commonwealth Government Departments (such as Health and Ageing; and Resources, Energy and Tourism) and radiation regulators in the States and Territories before access to the Australian National Radiation Dose Register archive can be granted. In addition, the data collected will be depersonalised and used to create annual statistics showing industry sector trends and comparisons and provided in a publically available document which can be accessed by researchers at a later date, yet to be determined.