

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

Is there an expected time frame for how long it would take for a drug of this type (Zostavax®) – one that would benefit about 100,000 people. Is that the correct number?

Answer:

Implementation of new vaccines on the National Immunisation Program can take up to 12-18 months from receiving Government funding approval. This time allows for activities such as the procurement of vaccine; communication campaign development; safety surveillance; disease surveillance; and negotiation with states and territories.