

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014-2015, Wednesday 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 7 – Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

**Topic:** Importation of non-human primates (marmosets) for research purposes

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

**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

**Question:**

1. Can you confirm that since April 2012, there has been a shipment of 37 common marmosets from France to Australia for research purposes?
2. May I have the following details:
  - a) The date or dates on which the animals arrived in Australia?
  - b) The airline that transported them?
  - c) The reason they were imported?
  - d) Details explaining why importation was allowed, considering Australia has a colony in which marmosets are bred specifically for research?
  - e) The name of the ethics committee which approved the research?
  - f) The nature of the research they will be subjected to?
  - g) The name of the company or institution which imported them?

**Answer:**

The Departments of Environment and Agriculture are responsible for the regulation of the importation of non-human primates.