

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: LSDP Post-Market Review

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Mr Stuart: There has been a report of the review. It has been accompanied by a process of advising from the department over a period of time, and the government is considering the issues.

Senator POLLEY: Has that happened before—

Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

It is a normal function of Government for Ministers to seek advice from their Department on recommendations identified in program reviews. The release of the review report is a matter for Government and the outcomes of the review of the Life Saving Drugs Program are under consideration by Government. While the outcomes of the review are under consideration, the Life Saving Drugs Program is continuing to operate.