

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-000392

**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** TGA Drug Warning Labels

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Why aren't leaflets about side effects and interactions mandatory for all prescription medication or at least those for children?

**Answer:**

All prescription medicines must have a Product Information (PI) and Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) document which has been reviewed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Sponsors of prescription medicines are obligated to make the CMI publically and readily available but are not obligated to include the CMI in the packet. The CMI can be provided by the doctor, the dispensing pharmacist or be made available online through the company's website, mobile applications and is available through the TGA website.