

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Topic: Blood and Organ Supply

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Senator: Leyonhjelm, David

Question:

Does your department have any evidence regarding the effect on blood and organ supply of allowing payments?

Answer:

The Department of Health is not aware of any rigorous studies that demonstrate the effect on blood and organ supply of allowing payments to donors in Australia. Such payments are prohibited under state and territory human tissue acts.