

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Of the animal testing data [for the assessment of chemicals in cosmetics], how many applicants provided animal testing when NICNAS would have otherwise possibly accepted, or would have accepted, a non-animal testing opportunity?

Answer:

Under the *Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Act 1989* (the ICNA Act), the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) is able to waive particular information requirements where the notifier can provide alternative data (or where certain data are not necessary to complete the assessment) to enable an adequate risk assessment to be conducted.

For the chemicals submitted for assessment in 2013-14 (2014-15 data are not yet available), it is not possible to ascertain whether there were any data derived from non-animal tests which could have been submitted, as NICNAS is reliant on the information supplied by industry in the notification package.