

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: SENATE INQUIRY INTO MEDICAL DEVICES

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Senator: Senator Xenophon

Question:

The department recently released a Regulation Impact Statement into the establishment of clinical registers for medical devices.

- a) Can the department indicate what the next steps in this process will be?
- b) What timeline is in place?
- c) Will there be direct consultation with industry?

Answer:

- a) * engagement of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to consult with key stakeholders on policy options.

* input is being sought through interviews, written submissions, workshops and focus groups Engagement of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care to consult with key stakeholders on policy options. . These consultations will guide further advice to the Government.
- b) Consultations have finished with the final report due at the end of the year. The regulation impact statement is expected to be completed in early 2013 and will be considered by government at that point.
- c) Yes, manufacturers. Importers and distributors of are being consulted through the Medical Technology Association of Australia.