

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012**

**Question: E12-211**

**OUTCOME 1: Population Health**

**Topic: ADVERSE EVENT NOTIFICATION DATABASE**

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

**Number of pages: 1**

**Senator: Senator Di Natale**

**Question:**

- a) What kind of response has there been to the Database of Adverse Event Notifications?
- b) What kind of feedback has been received?
- c) Has the availability of the database prompted an increase in the number of adverse event reports?

**Answer:**

- a) Between 1 August 2012, when Database of Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN) was first made available on the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) website, and 1 November 2012, there have been 28,304 visits to the DAEN pages on the TGA website.
- b) The feedback has been positive and has resulted in a significant drop off in requests to TGA for adverse event statistics.
- c) The number of reports continues to steadily increase. It is too early to say if DAEN is the main contributor to this rise.