

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: MICROBIAL RESISTANCE SAFETY

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

What happens when the World Health Organisation reviews the status of a drug and reclassifies the drug as of higher importance to human medicine than had previously been the case (as has happened with polypeptides) and that drug is being routinely used on animals?

Does the reclassification by WHO mean that there is automatically a risk analysis of microbial resistance safety and a review of its use in animals?

Answer:

This question has been answered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority in its response to Question 254 from Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2012.