

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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

**Question: E12-214**

**OUTCOME 1:** Population Health

**Topic:** ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

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

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**Senator:** Senator Di Natale

**Question:**

According to the 2003 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance Progress report by the Commonwealth Interdepartmental JETACAR Implementation Group (CIJIG) the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority began a review of selected macrolide antibiotics December 2001 because of concerns over the potential risk to human health. The review was to provide the Authority with information to enable it to determine whether the existing uses of these macrolide antibiotics should continue in Australia.

- a) Was the Department of Health provided with a copy of the results of this review (for example a final, interim and/or progress Reports)? Please provide a full copy of any such reports.
- b) Is the Department aware of the findings of the review? Is the Department aware whether those findings were published or otherwise made publicly available? Is the Department aware of whether the review was completed or aborted before completion?

**Answer:**

a) and b)

This question has been answered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (AVPMA) in its response to Question 249 from Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2012.

The AVPMA's answer states that no report is available and that the review of macrolide antibiotics is still in progress. The Department of Health and Ageing has not been provided with a copy of the results or interim results of this review.