

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME 14:** Biosecurity and Emergency Response

**Topic:** ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

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**Senator:** Senator Di Natale

**Question:**

Is the Department aware of any precedent for an Advisory Committee being tasked with coordinating the response of federal government Departments and Agencies to a major public health issue?

**Answer:**

Due to the nature of public health issues, a range of stakeholders are generally required to coordinate a comprehensive response. The Australian Government, and Government Departments and Agencies, are able to convene advisory committees to consider a particular public health issue on either a short or long term basis.