

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: IMMUNISATION

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) Which essential vaccines had a lower than expected uptake in 2011-12 and for each, what was the difference between the expected and actual number of vaccines?
- b) Which age groups were most effected by the lower than expected uptake?
- c) What contributed to this lower uptake of essential vaccines?
- d) Does such a large variance have the potential to affect levels of population immunity longer term?

Answer:

- a) Vaccine purchase for the National Immunisation Program has remained consistent over several years with no noticeable decline in any particular vaccine in 2011-12. This is reflected in the immunisation coverage rates that are reported through national registers such as the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register and the National Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Program Register.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.