

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses

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Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). Can the TGA advise of how many MoM Joint Prostheses have been withdrawn from the market since January 2013?
a) When did this occur?

Answer:

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has cancelled the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) entry of one hip prosthesis since January 2013.

The ARTG entry of the MSA Femoral Stem used in total conventional hip replacements was cancelled on 18 June 2014.