

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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). Has the TGA spoken to the manufacturer of the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices with regards to any compensational support for people that have experienced adverse effects?

Answer:

The Therapeutic Goods Administration does not have the authority to pursue compensation for patients.