

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Topic: National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Will chemicals approved in the EU automatically be approved in Australia, and when will this change commence?

Answer:

There is currently no provision for automatic approval of a chemical requiring assessment under the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* (the ICNA Act). Any changes to the ICNA Act are a matter for Government.