

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: The National Assessment of Chemicals Associated with Coal Seam Gas Extraction

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Waters, Larissa

Question:

Please provide an updated response to Estimates Question on Notice SQ14-000633 of Budget Estimates 2014, noting that this question was about a preliminary procedural matter relating to the scope of the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with CSG extraction, namely: will the assessment exclude some groundwater systems that are in regular use by communities such as bore water?

Answer:

The scope of the National Assessment of Chemicals associated with Coal Seam Gas extraction is publicly available on the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme website <http://www.nicnas.gov.au/communications/issues/fracking-hydraulic-fracturing-coal-seam-gas-extraction/information-sheet>