

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015

Ref No: SQ15-000753

OUTCOME: 9 - Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: Lyme Disease

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Madigan, John

Question:

Australian patients report being treated with scepticism and are denied care when presenting to health facilities with co-infections like Anaplasma, Mycoplasma and Rickettsia, despite those being globally recognised. What has the Department done to make doctors aware that Australian ticks are carrying multiple pathogens that can make patients sick?

Answer:

The Department of Health's Lyme disease webpage provides information on preventing and treating tick bites, <http://www.health.gov.au/lyme-disease#preventing-treating>