

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000204

Senator Leyonhjelm provided in writing.

Question

SWA - Additional labelling requirements

The Regulatory Impact Statement of 21 January 2010 states that the proposed hazard and precautionary statements of the GHS are “very similar” to current information required under poison scheduling requirements. Poison scheduling requirements are reflected on the label on AgVet chemical products. Can SWA provide reasons why imposing additional labelling requirements which very similar to those already applied to APVMA approved AgVet chemical product labels is warranted?

Answer

The model Work Health and Safety regulations do not require duplication of “very similar” information required by other laws. This approach is explained in both the model Code of Practice for Labelling Workplace Hazardous Chemicals and information sheet for manufacturers and importers of AgVet chemicals published by Safe Work Australia.