

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Question: 40

Division/Agency: Animal Health Australia

Topic: APVMA Relocation

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Senator STERLE asked:

Is AHA aware that Minister Joyce is seeking to relocate the APVMA to Armidale in his own electorate?

Answer:

Animal Health Australia is aware that there are plans to relocate the APVMA to Armidale.

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Senator STERLE asked:

Is AHA aware of the concerns raised in addition to AVA about the relocation by the NFF, CropLife, Animal Medicines Australia and the CEO of the APVMA?

Answer:

Animal Health Australia is aware of public statements made by and media reports on the opinions of the National Farmers' Federation, CropLife, Animal Medicines Australia and the APVMA in relation to the relocation of the APVMA to Armidale.

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Senator STERLE asked:

Does AHA agree with the comments made by the AVA about the loss of capability that will occur if the APVMA is relocated to Armidale?

Answer:

Animal Health Australia is aware of comments made the Australian Veterinary Association in relation to the relocation of the APVMA to Armidale. Animal Health Australia acknowledges that there may be a risk posed *in the short-term* by the potential loss of specialist scientists who choose not to relocate.