



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
References Committee**

24 May 2013

Senator the Hon John Hogg  
President of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Inquiry into the progress of the implementation of recommendations of the  
1999 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance**

**INTERIM REPORT**

Dear Mr President

On 29 November 2012, the Senate referred the following matters to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (the committee) for report by the 21 March 2013:

Progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the 1999 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance (JETACAR), including:

- (a) examination of steps taken, their timeliness and effectiveness;
- (b) where and why failures have occurred;
- (c) implications of antimicrobial resistance on public health and the environment;
- (d) implications for ensuring transparency, accountability and effectiveness in future management of antimicrobial resistance; and
- (e) any other related matter.

On 6 February 2013, the Senate extended the reporting date to 10 May 2013. On 10 May 2013, the Senate extended the reporting date to 24 May 2013. The Committee has received 38 submissions, and held a public hearing in Melbourne, on Thursday, 7 March 2013.

The Committee wishes to extend this reporting date to 6 June 2013. This would allow the Committee to fully consider its findings and conclude its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Senator Scott Ryan  
**Chair**