



Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

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Question[s] taken on notice

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1. **The CHAIR, page 11**

Question Asked to Dougal PURCELL:

Just finally, we have heard a little bit about antimicrobial resistance and the risk this is for creating human health, with antibiotics being used so heavily in farms on animals that are then consumed. Does Victoria report on antibiotic use in pigs at farms?

Dougal PURCELL: I think Ms Purcell that is probably beyond our expertise. We might take that question on notice if that is okay.

Response:

- There is no statutory requirement within Victorian legislation for the reporting on antibiotic use in pigs at farms.
- The use of antibiotics in Victorian animal industries is regulated under the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 (DPCS Act). Under the DPCS Act, antibiotics are a schedule 4 substance and can only be obtained, possessed, used or supplied by a registered veterinarian (s13). Agriculture Victoria understands this to ensure the appropriateness of antibiotic usage in animals.