

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Nanotechnology

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Senator: Siewert Rachel

Question:

FSANZ is reported to have said that if there are nanomaterials in food in Australia it will be subject to the novel food provisions of the Food Standards Code, is that correct?

Answer:

Applications for new food substances manufactured using nanotechnologies, or incorporating novel nanoscale materials, will be evaluated under existing Standards in the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code. Relevant Standards include: food additives (Standard 1.3.1), vitamins and minerals (Standard 1.3.2), processing aids (Standard 1.3.3), contaminants and natural toxicants (Standard 1.4.1), and novel foods (Standard 1.5.1).