

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Regulation of Nanomaterials in Food

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert Rachel

Question:

- a) Has FSANZ notified food importers and manufacturers that foods containing nanomaterials will be subject to the novel food provisions of the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*?
- b) If yes to a), when were food importers and manufacturers notified?

Answer:

- a) Yes. Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) has notified food importers and manufacturers of changes to the FSANZ Application Handbook pertaining to the use of nanomaterials for all relevant standards, including the novel food provisions.
- b) Notification was made to all key stakeholders, including importers and manufacturers, in December 2008.