

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Safety of Nanomaterials in Food

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert Rachel

Question:

- a) Is it FSANZ's view that all of the nanomaterials currently being used in food available in Australia are safe for use?
- b) If yes to a), what is the basis for that conclusion?
- c) If no to a), what nanomaterials are of concern and what steps are being taken by FSANZ in response to those concerns?

Answer:

- a) Food Standards Australia and New Zealand has not received an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards in relation to new or novel nanoscale particles for food use. Accordingly, it is not aware of any manufactured nanomaterials being used in food available in Australia.
- b) and c)
Not applicable.