

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

The NHMRC Dietary Guidelines for Older Australians have been rescinded. Will these guidelines be reviewed? If no, why not? If yes, what is the timeframe for this project?

Answer:

The new edition of the *Australian Dietary Guidelines* will see all population groups from two years of age integrated into one document, and will replace and update three current documents:

- Dietary Guidelines for Older Australians (1999)
- Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents in Australia (2003); and
- Dietary Guidelines for Australian Adults (2003)

The *Australian Dietary Guidelines* are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2012.