

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

**Question: E12-322**

**OUTCOME 10:** Health System Capacity and Quality

**Topic:** Draft Australian Dietary Guidelines 2011

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Number of pages:** 1

**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

I understand that the NHMRC members have reviewed all submissions relating to the draft Australian dietary guidelines and that every last one was taken into account.

Did the Committee record against each issue raised:

- a) if the issue was accepted and the change made in the text; and
- b) if the issue was not accepted, was the reason for the rejection recorded? Will the record of the Committee's decision in this regard be publicly released? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

Over 2,000 individual comments were received from 213 submissions provided during the public consultation period. The Office of NHMRC collated key issues into a comprehensive summary for use by the Dietary Guidelines Working Committee in their advice to the Council of NHMRC.

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes.

The complete summary collated by the Office of NHMRC, including the final Dietary Guideline Working Committee recommendations, will be publicly released.