

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-196

OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Zoonotic Diseases in Kangaroo Meat

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rhiannon

Question:

In previous Senate Estimates I was advised by the Department of Agriculture-Food Division that raw kangaroo meat is not tested for food-borne pathogens such as *Toxoplasma gondi* or *Salmonella* spp., both which are zoonotic agents present in kangaroos, because “this is not a requirement of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code”. Is this still the case?

Answer:

Yes.