

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Last year at Estimates [3 June 2014], Assistant Health Minister Nash said: "I am currently considering the best and most appropriate way forward for the Food and Health Dialogue. I think there is some opportunity for improvement and that is under consideration at the moment." What progress has been made since then and what opportunities for improvement have been identified and are being considered? How much funding has been allocated to support the work of the Dialogue?

Answer:

The Government is currently considering the future options for the Food and Health Dialogue including broadening its focus of food reformulation work to include portion sizes, serve sizes and physical activity.

Funding of \$200,000 (GST exclusive) over two years (2013-14 and 2014-15) has been allocated to the Food and Health Dialogue.