

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-216

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Amendments to the Food Standards Code

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Senator: Senator Siewert

Question:

In relation to the last Code maintenance Proposal:

- a) How were industry submissions received?
- b) How were the comments treated?
- c) What proportion of industry comments were eventually adopted?

Answer:

- a) Amendments to the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) arising from Proposal P1013 – Code Maintenance IX were gazetted on 11 July 2011. Twelve submissions in total were received via email. Five submissions were from industry.

All submissions and related reports are available on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) website at

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/foodstandards/proposals/proposalp1013codemai4893.cfm>.

- b) The FSANZ Board, in approving the amendments to the Code and as required by the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act, had regard to all submissions received.
- c) Five specific issues were raised by industry. Three proposed amendments were accepted by FSANZ and two were not accepted as they were considered to be not appropriate for inclusion. Attachment 3 of the Approval Report (available via the above link in response to a) addresses these issues in more detail.