

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2014-2015, 2/3 June 2014

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: World Trade Organization and carbendazim

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

Under Australia's obligations under the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Agreement, FSANZ notifies the World Trade Organisation (WTO) of proposed MRL amendments to enable other WTO members to comment on them.

- a) Did other WTO members comment on the most recently set MRL for carbendazim?
- b) Which countries? Does it include Brazil?

Answer:

- a) No, there were no comments from World Trade Organization (WTO) members on the most recent amendment to the Maximum Residue Limit for carbendazim. All submissions received on applications and proposals are publically available on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website.
- b) Not applicable.