

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Review of titanium dioxide by the ECHA

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Is FSANZ aware that the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) is currently reviewing the safety of titanium dioxide, including the nano form, because of concerns it may be harmful to the environment and human health?

Answer:

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) notes that the European Chemical Agency, which deals with industrial chemicals, is conducting a review of the safety of titanium dioxide. FSANZ will monitor the outcomes of the review and consider their relevance to potential food applications of titanium dioxide.