

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014-2015, 2/3 June 2014**

**Ref No:** SQ14-000588

**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Notifications Relating to Need for Applications for Nanomaterials

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

In Question SQ14-000082 FSANZ indicated that it had notified manufacturers and importers of the need to apply to FSANZ before selling food containing nanomaterials in Australia.

- a) How was that notification given (i.e. letter, newspaper notice, notice on website)?
- b) Have stakeholders been notified more than once?
- c) Please table the notification(s) that have been made.

**Answer:**

- a) Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) notified stakeholders of the work it was undertaking on nanotechnology and changes to the Application Handbook through various means, including a media release, the FSANZ website, newsletter and Notification Circular. FSANZ has also spoken on several occasions to manufacturers and importers on its work on the regulation of nanotechnology in food at conferences and at the Retailers and Manufacturers Liaison Committee meetings.
- b) Yes. See a).
- c) Documents attached:
  - Attachment 1 FSANZ Notification Circular January 2009
  - Attachment 2 FSANZ newsletter
  - Attachment 3 Media release
  - Attachment 4 FSANZ website fact sheet Dec 2010.