

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Food and Health Dialogue

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Has the department communicated with any members of the food and health dialogue since September 2013? Has the Minister or Minister's office been in contact with the food and health dialogue since September 2013?

Answer:

The Department of Health has liaised with individual food manufacturers engaged under the Food and Health Dialogue to answer queries and follow up on progress reports.

On 25 October 2013, the Department communicated with Food and Health Dialogue Executive Committee members to advise that future meetings of the Executive Committee were postponed until the future direction of the Food and Health Dialogue was known.

Both the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, the Assistant Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, or their offices, have met separately with the following individual representatives of the Food and Health Dialogue Executive Committee and round table working groups:

- The Australian Food and Grocery Council;
- National Heart Foundation of Australia;
- Public Health Association of Australia;
- Yum Restaurants;
- Coles Myer;
- Woolworths;
- Food Standards Australia and New Zealand; and
- Lion.