

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017–2018, 29 & 30 May 2017

Ref No: SQ17-000729

OUTCOME: 2 – Health Access and Support Services

Topic: New Breeding Techniques

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rice, Janet

Question:

FSANZ has previously indicated its support for the conclusion reached by an expert panel in 2012 and 2013.

- a) Will this guidance reflect the positions expressed by the expert panel and supported by FSANZ at the time?
- b) Now that FSANZ has acknowledged that every member of this expert panel had a potential or actual conflict of interest, how has that affected the guidance document?
- c) Has FSANZ since sought any independent, un-conflicted advice?
- d) If yes to c) please table that advice.

Answer:

- a) Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ17-000726.
- b) Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ17-000726.
- c) No, Food Standards Australia New Zealand has not sought any advice on the development of a guidance document.
- d) Not applicable.