

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 – Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Nanomaterials in Food

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rice, Janet

Question:

ANSES recommended “limiting exposure of workers, consumers and the environment, particularly by promoting safe products free from nanomaterials that are equivalent in terms of function, effectiveness and cost.”

- a) Does FSANZ disagree with this recommended step?
- b) If yes to a), why?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) considers that food-grade titanium dioxide is safe for human consumption when used according to permissions in Standard 1.3.1 – Food Additives and Standard 1.3.4 – Identity and purity in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*.

FSANZ understands that the ANSES recommendation is consistent with the recommendations relevant to all contexts involving nanoparticles including inhalation and dermal exposure.