

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: Janet Rice

Question:

ANSES also states that “When hazards are identified for human health or for the environment, ANSES recommends weighing the usefulness for the consumer or the general public of marketing these types of products containing nanomaterials, for which the benefits must be clearly demonstrated.”

- (a) Does FSANZ disagree with this approach?
- (b) If yes to a), why?

Answer:

- (a) No. FSANZ agrees in-principle that any benefits should be taken into account in the case where an appreciable risk (not hazard) to human health is identified.
- (b) Not applicable