

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-023

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: EFSA OPINION ON GM FOODS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the Department aware that the European Food Safety Authority has recently released a Scientific Opinion on the allergenicity assessment of GM crops for human safety

Answer:

Yes. In December 2009, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) released a draft report updating its assessment of allergenicity of Genetically Modified (GM) plants and microorganisms and derived food and feed for public consultation. The document was prepared in order to review and update EFSA's methods of evaluating the allergenic potential of GM plants and microorganisms. The finalised report was published on 30 June 2010.