

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-108

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE MARKER GENES IN FOOD

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Senator Siewert asked:

Apart from this month's incident in relation to soy-based infant formula, have there been any recent occurrences where antibiotic resistance marker genes have been found in food?

Answer:

FSANZ is not aware of any recent detection of antibiotic resistance marker genes in food. Testing is done for compliance purposes at the discretion of the enforcement agencies in the states and territories.