

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-110

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: SOY-BASED INFANT FORMULA COMPLAINTS

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Senator Xenophon asked:

Can FSANZ advise how many complaints it has received in terms of an unintentional GM presence in soy-based infant formula?

Answer:

FSANZ records show that only one complaint was received in relation to soy-based infant formula. This was an email received on 6 October 2010.

FSANZ also responded verbally to one telephone call from a consumer who mentioned infant formula whilst expressing a mixture of concerns about GM foods. In addition, two letters, received as Ministerial correspondence in relation to stacked GM lines, also mention a range of foods in which GM material could be present, including infant formula.