

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Safety of Nanoscale Particles in Food

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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Have any overseas agencies looked at the safety of nanoscale particles in food?

Answer:

Yes. A number of overseas agencies (or scientific bodies) have considered the safety of nanoscale materials in food. These overseas agencies include:

- the European Food Safety Authority;
- the United States Food and Drug Administration;
- a Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / World Health Organization expert consultation on the application of nanotechnologies in food and agriculture: and
- the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's working party on manufactured nanomaterials.