

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017, 19 October 2016

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OUTCOME: 2 – Health Access and Support Services

Topic: New Plant Breeding Techniques

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rice, Janet

Question:

1. In the past five years how many stakeholders have contacted FSANZ to enquire whether certain techniques count as gene technology or produce genetically modified food?
 - a) Has FSANZ issued any advice to these stakeholders?
 - b) If yes to (a) please table the advice along with the legal advice on which it was based.

Answer:

1. Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has been contacted by three companies and one industry group.
 - a) No.
 - b) Not applicable.