

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-094

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: IMPORTED PRAWNS WITH WHITE SPOT DISEASE

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Senator Heffernan asked:

- a) What tests were done on these prawns for human health as well as animal health, which they failed and yet they made it through the system?
- b) Would you be able to provide, if you had gone to AQIS, the bit of paper that says, 'We tested these on such and such a date and we got a tick'?

Answer:

- a) The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has advised that no testing of the consignment of raw peeled prawns, under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme (IFIS), was undertaken.
- b) AQIS has advised that documentation could be provided if testing under IFIS was undertaken. Test dates and results would be available from AQIS.