

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Toxoplasmosis

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**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

**Question:**

In Nov 2013 Estimates I was advised that public release of national evidence-based antenatal care guidelines for medical practitioners, which was to include a section on the risks of Toxoplasmosis in raw and undercooked meat was due in late 2014. May I please have a copy or link to those reviewed guidelines?

a) If they are not yet available, when will they be available?

b) Is or will there be specific warnings regarding the risk of eating undercooked or rare kangaroo meat, which is currently being marketed by the industry as a healthy meat choice? If not why not?

**Answer:**

The National Evidence-Based Antenatal Care Guidelines, Module 2 was released in February 2015 and can be found on the Department of Health's website (<http://www.health.gov.au/antenatal>).

The Guidelines outline the risks of a Toxoplasmosis and in particular highlight the risk of infection through the consumption of any raw or insufficiently cooked meat. There is no specific reference to "kangaroo meat" in the Guidelines.