

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Raw Milk

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

- a) What measures has FSANZ taken to monitor the market for raw milk?
- b) Can you advise in which Australian jurisdictions raw milk is available for purchase, even if marketed for use as a cosmetic?

Answer:

- a) Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) develops food standards, which are incorporated into the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code). The Code specifies that milk must be pasteurised (or equivalently treated), unless a state or territory regulation specifically permits the production and sale of raw milk. State and territory governments implement and enforce the requirements of the Code.
- b) There are four states that currently permit, through their legislation, the production and sale of raw goat milk: Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia.