

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Microbial Screening of Kangaroo Meat

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rhiannon, Lee

Question:

- a) Please provide a copy of the current protocol for the microbial screening of kangaroo meats for local human consumption? Is this publically available and where?
- b) Please provide actual numbers of kangaroo carcasses tested for Salmonella and for *E. coli* for domestic consumption, for example, one in ten carcasses.

Answer:

- a) Food Standards Australia New Zealand is not responsible for microbial testing of foods. This is the responsibility of the relevant state and territory authorities.
- b) Not applicable.