

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 – Sport and Recreation

Topic: AIS Dining Hall Policies

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Bernardi, Cory

Question:

Does the AIS/ASC acknowledge that there appears to be a discrepancy in religious food requirements, between the provision of food for Muslim athletes and the provision of food for Jewish athletes, especially when you consider the additional costs Jewish athletes are required to pay, that Muslim athletes do not have to pay?

Answer:

This matter is not one of discrepancy in religious food requirements. Where there is a substantial additional cost to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)/Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in the provision of food to a client, then to maintain commercial and competitive neutrality, this cost would be passed on to consumers.

The provision of Halal certified food does not result in substantial additional cost to the AIS/ASC. In contrast, the provision of Kosher certified food, if requested, does result in substantial additional cost to the AIS/ASC which would be passed on to the consumer.