

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: DIETARY GUIDELINES – NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Why are the Draft NHMRC dietary guidelines being rushed through ahead of the release of data next year from the government's National Health Survey which will provide the best available evidence on Australia's current eating habits instead of relying on 17 year old data from the 1995 National Nutrition Survey?

Answer:

The Dietary Guidelines are not being rushed through. They have been in preparation since 2008, utilising thorough evidence based process with extensive consultation.

In addition, see response provided to Question on Notice E12-240.