

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells**

**Question:**

Given the significant \$15 million investment by the Department of Health and Ageing in the Health Survey, would it not be more responsible to wait until the data is released in 2013 to ensure the Dietary Guidelines are providing relevant advice to meet the health challenges of today, not yesterday?

**Answer:**

No, the Dietary Guidelines answer a different question 'what should Australians eat', based on latest research evidence on healthy nutrition, health outcomes and energy balance.