

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: DIETARY GUIDELINES – SUGARS

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Will the Committee accept new independent evidence that clearly demonstrates Australia's refined sugar per capita consumption has continued to decrease over the past 10 years to ensure the draft guideline on sugar is based on the best available evidence? If not, why not?

Answer:

The claim by some groups that Australian's sugar consumption has fallen is currently in dispute. This debate does not impact on the strong evidence that underpins the Guideline recommendation to limit foods and drinks with added sugar.