

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Question: E12-250**

**OUTCOME 1: Population Health**

**Topic: DIETARY GUIDELINES – WORKING COMMITTEE**

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**Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells**

**Question:**

I understand from answers to a Question on Notice (E12-230) that the Dietary Guidelines were to be peer reviewed by reviewers nominated by the Dietary Guidelines Working Committee.

- a) Can you reveal who those reviewers were?
- b) Can you reveal what selection process the Dietary Guidelines Working Committee undertook to identify the peer reviewers?

**Answer:**

- a) The expert reviewers comprised expertise in nutrition, nutrition science, population health and obesity. They included Professor Boyd Swinburn (New Zealand/Australia), Dr Johanna Dwyer (United States of America), Professor Louise Baur (Australia), Professor Caryl Nowson (Australia), and Professor Murray Skeaff (New Zealand).
- b) The Dietary Guidelines Working Committee, the Department of Health and Ageing Nutrition Section and the Council of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) were asked to provide suitable nominations for expert review. Availability was sought, and the Council was advised of the five reviewers. Any potential conflicts of interests were managed in accordance with the NHMRC policy.