

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question:** E13-179

**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Front-of-Package Labelling

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McKenzie

**Question:**

Given the anomalies that the current labelling algorithm is producing, what encouragement would be given to companies to adopt a labelling system that is producing inaccurate and misleading results?

**Answer:**

On 13 December 2013, the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) endorsed the use of the Health Star Rating (HSR) Calculator as part of the voluntary HSR System. The Forum also agreed that the Front-of-Pack Labelling Oversight Committee recommend a process for addressing any anomalies in future.