

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-191

OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Front-of-Package Labelling

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McKenzie

Question:

If we want a scheme that works for industry and results in consumers making healthier food choices, additional time is required to ensure outstanding issues are adequately addressed. Is the Government prepared to support recommending to the Forum that additional time, say of 6 months, be provided to resolve the issues that still exist?

Answer:

At its meeting on 13 December 2013, the Legislative and Governance Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) endorsed the Health Star Rating (HSR) Calculator, and did not agree on any outstanding issues that need to be further addressed.

The Forum also agreed that the Front-of-Pack Labelling Oversight and Advisory Committee will recommend a process for addressing anomalies in the HSR System.