Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Friends of the Earth Testing Results

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Is it FSANZ's view that nanoparticles detected by FoE testing may be incidental not intentionally produced?

Answer:

Food Standards Australia New Zealand is aware that information on particle size in the Friends of the Earth (FoE) study has been reported in a number of other studies in the scientific literature.

The FoE-commissioned study was not designed, nor did it address, whether or not the particles were intentionally manufactured.