

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: FSANZ Review of Nanotechnology

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Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

I understand FSANZ has commissioned a review of nanotechnology in food.

- a) What is the status of the review?
- b) Will there be public consultation or the opportunity for groups such as FOE to contribute?

Answer:

- a) A specific scientific literature review on the safety implications of the potential application of nanotechnologies to existing food additives was commissioned by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) in December 2014. The scientific review will be published on the FSANZ website for the information of stakeholders following consideration by the FSANZ Board.
- b) There will be an opportunity for the public and other interested stakeholder groups to comment on the report when it is published on the FSANZ website.