

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Division/Agency: Market and Competition Policy Division

Question No: 476

Topic: Introduction of the standard for free range eggs

Reference: Written

Senator: Rhiannon, Lee

Question:

1. Consumer Affairs Ministers expressed a desire to have the Standard for free range eggs in place by March 2017.

a. Is this still the aimed date of introduction?

b. Exactly where is the progression of the information Standard up to please?

2. The implementation of the standard and associated instruments is dependent on the relevant federal minister. Which Minister is now responsible for this?

Answer:

The objective is to have the information standard in place by 31 March 2017.

The information standard is currently out for public consultation until 9 December 2016 at:

www.treasury.gov.au/ConsultationsandReviews/Consultations/2016/Free-Range-Egg-Labelling-Information-Standard

The Minister for Small Business is the responsible minister.