Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

BODY IMAGE CODE OF CONDUCT - HEALTHY WEIGHT MODELS

How do we know these are healthy weights? What indicators would be used to determine a 'healthy weight' for an individual, given Body Mass Index (BMI) is clearly limited in its effectiveness in determining this? What is being done to ensure the diversity of body shapes in models?

Answer

The report refers readers to the Healthy Active website and to the National Health and Medical Research Council. More detailed questions should be directed to the Department of Health and Ageing.