

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question: E13-196**

**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Zoonotic Diseases in Kangaroo Meat

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Rhiannon

**Question:**

In previous Senate Estimates I was advised by the Department of Agriculture-Food Division that raw kangaroo meat is not tested for food-borne pathogens such as *Toxoplasma gondi* or *Salmonella* spp., both which are zoonotic agents present in kangaroos, because “this is not a requirement of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code”. Is this still the case?

**Answer:**

Yes.