

Diseased Salmon and Human Consumption

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

My question is from my constituent Alison and is about public health. Alison says tetracyclines are a category D drug that are contraindicated during pregnancy, with potential for bone density loss and tooth discoloration in fetuses and children under eight. We now know that diseased salmon that have been treated with oxytetracycline are being eaten by humans. Have these salmon undergone a withdrawal period to ensure there is no antibiotic residue? If so, for how long? If not, has the government undertaken testing to confirm that the diseased salmon is safe for consumption for pregnant women and children? If so, can you please make that information public?