

## National Agricultural Statistics Service Review and FNS Response

### OMB Control Number 0584-0607: School Meals Operations (SMO) Study

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Part A:

A1-A7: no comments

A8: I appreciate the information in the "Expert Consultation" section, and the responsiveness to the pre-testing feedback.

A9-A18: no comments

**FNS response: Thank you!**

Part B:

B1-B3: no comments

B4: From survey methodology colleagues, it sounds as if cognitive interviews were conducted prior to the questionnaire being launched, with retroactive probing, rather than debriefing interviews with respondents from prior iterations of the old instrument. I'd suggest making the terminology a bit clearer and including a bit more information about what testing was done. Was the testing done with the new instrument that has not been launched yet or was the instrument launched and then follow up conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the changes? Cognitive interviews are generally ones that involve cognitive methods prior to implementation of an instrument.

B5: no comments

**FNS response: Thank you for this feedback; we have clarified the pretesting methods in Part B, Response 4.**