

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question: HS9

Department/Agency: Department of Human Services

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Access to information and data on the Register

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SENATOR NETTLE asked on 16/02/07:

Whether State Police would require a search warrant to access information and data on the Register?

Answer:

The Bill did not authorise state police to have access to information in the Register.

In terms of physical access to the Access Card Register, state police would not have had access to the Register and could not trawl through the Register looking for particular information or data.

State police would only have been able to compel the Department to give access to the Register if they had overriding legislative provisions that apply to the Commonwealth, such as search warrant powers. (Usually the Commonwealth will comply with search warrants issued by state/territory Courts.)

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately two hours at an estimated cost of \$126.