

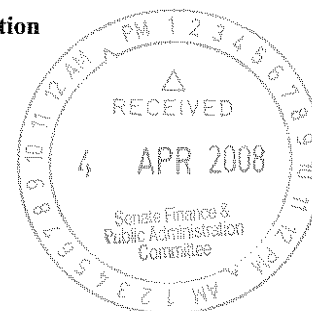
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

Senator COONAN—How many people are working on what there [Office of the Access Card]? What specifically?...

Ms Williams—The reason it is difficult to give you a quick and easy answer is because, as I mentioned before, we have them working across the department because we have a very heavy workload. For example, some are working with the budget people.

Senator COONAN—How many are working with the budget people?

Ms Williams—I could not give you an answer off the top of my head. We can sort that out. I am told five.

Senator COONAN—That is five out of 40. What about the rest?

Ms Williams—I would have to come back to you. We have them working in groups across the department. We have a lot of work on.

Senator COONAN—What other areas, so we might be able to find out where they all are.

Answer:

As at 6 March, there were 106 former access card staff still employed by the Department. Of these, 40 were located in the Computer Associates House.

The breakdown below indicates where former Office of Access Card (OAC) officers have been redeployed on a temporary basis to the following areas of the Department.

Former OAC staff working in other areas of the Department at 6 March 2008	
Finance	3
People Strategies	2
Marketing and Communications	12
Corporate Operations	1
Chief Internal Audit	1
Corporate IT	2
Ministerial and Parliamentary	1
Budget and Policy	4
JCA	1
Service Delivery Operations	1
Outposted to other agency	2
Total	30

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The balance of former OAC officers were engaged in a range of briefing and analytical tasks that vary depending on priorities.