

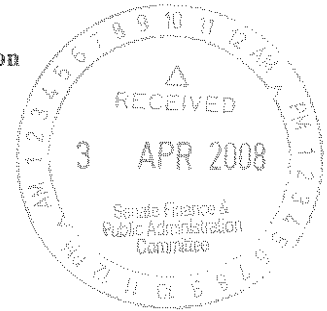
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates 2007-08 – February 2008



**Question:** HS111

**Outcome #, Output #**

**Topic:** Health Services Australia – Authenticating card holders

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice:** Written

**SENATOR COONAN** asked on 22/02/2008:

What mechanism does Health Services Australia have to authenticate a cardholder against referral for services?

**Answer:**

The only cards accepted by Health Services Australia, for the delivery of services, are debit cards or credit cards. These are authenticated by either PIN numbers or signature verification against the card.