

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: HS122-HS125

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Topic: Medicare Australia – Fraud and Compliance

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 19/02/2008:

HS122: Were there areas of existing and emerging risks identified in the inter-departmental committee review arising from the complexity and size of the Medicare and PBS programs?

HS123: If yes, what were the identified risks?

HS124: Have risk mitigation strategies been implemented?

HS125: If yes, what are those strategies and when have they been implemented?

Answer

HS122-125:

The Department and Medicare Australia are not aware that a specific inter-departmental committee considered these matters. However, key strategic risks for compliance with these programs and mitigation strategies are outlined in Medicare Australia's National Compliance Program 2007-08.