

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) Has the Department identified the status of election commitments within its purview?
- b) Which of these commitments have yet to be completed? Why? What are revised expected completion dates for delayed commitments?

Answer:

- a) The Human Services portfolio has responsibility for the following 2007 Federal Election commitments:
 - a new Medicare Australia office in Emerald, Queensland;
 - additional Medicare Australia offices in Belmont, Western Australia and Belmont and Warrawong, New South Wales;
 - winding up of the Office of Access Cards;
 - ceasing the Parliamentary Liaison Officer program;
 - applying the one-off additional efficiency dividend of two per cent; and
 - reversing additional funding for the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- b) DHS has met all of its 2007 Federal Election commitments.