

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Administration

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Senator Lundy asked:

Perhaps you could tell me how many meetings of that nature you have had with organisations advocating human rights, civil liberties and privacy related issues in relation to this card.

Answer:

With respect to the Australian Government Smartcard Framework (AGSF), privacy issues are given a high degree of importance. As indicated at the committee hearing, consultation with organisations advocating human rights, civil liberties and privacy related issues has occurred through the public consultation process on the AGSF. Two responses were received from such organisations in response to the public consultation process. Further public consultations are scheduled to occur during the development of a formal Privacy Impact Assessment for the AGSF.