

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Topic: Office of Access Card – Tabling of Mr Kelaher’s resignation letter to the Minister for Human Services

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Just so that I am clear: was that letter a resignation or advice that he intended to resign at some time in the future? Maybe you would like to table the letter. Is that easier?

Mr Leeper—No, I will not table the letter. It is a letter to the minister. I would need the minister’s agreement to table the letter. It is a personal letter from Mr Kelaher to the minister.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take on notice whether or not the minister would be prepared to table the letter.

Answer:

Mr James Kelaher’s resignation letter will not be tabled. Tabling of this letter would be an invasion of the privacy of Mr Kelaher and is thus not in the public interest.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 33 minutes at an estimated cost of \$92.