

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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Question: HS14

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Topic: Office of Access Card – Was access to proposals/information relating consideration of the Australia card proposal sought

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

Senator STOTT DESPOJA—There are issues around previous policy decisions and implementation. I refer to 1984 and changes to Medicare. I am just wondering if the government has sought to access any proposals or background information that may have been around under the previous Labor government for the Australia card proposal. Has any of that been sourced as part of the deliberations and the preparation of the initial policy proposal?

Mr Leeper—As far as I am aware, no. I am happy to take that on the notice, if you wish me to, but as far as I am aware the answer is no.

Answer:

There is nothing further to add other than what was said at the Estimates hearing.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour at an estimated cost of \$63.