

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: HS41

Agency: Medicare Australia

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Topic: IT Expenditure – Access Card

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SENATOR LUNDY asked on 24/05/07:

Senator LUNDY—Can you give me an idea of the proportion? For example, in 2007-08, the total expenditure was \$168 million. What proportion of that is likely to be assigned to the access card?

Ms Argall—We are currently in a process—and my colleagues will add to this—of discussions with the Office of Access Card about the requirements for 2007-08. I think the work packages are still subject to approval by the Office of Access Card.

Mr Honeyman—That is correct.

***Senator LUNDY**—If you could take that on notice, because that is really the relevant year for disaggregating the access card expenditure from the IT table.

Ms Argall—Can I just clarify your request. You would like the relevant access card expenditure in both 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Senator LUNDY—Yes, in the Medicare Australia IT.

Ms Argall—Yes.

Senator LUNDY—It would also be useful if you could disaggregate it in the relevant groups. Thank you.

Answer:

Please refer to response provided to HS40.