

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: Centrelink - Health care cards

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

What percentage of indigenous peoples have a health care card?

Answer

Customers who identify themselves to Centrelink as an Indigenous person, do so on a purely voluntary basis. There is no legal requirement to do so under either Social Security or Family Assistance Law. As such, 27.76 per cent of all customers that have chosen to identify themselves to Centrelink as an Indigenous person have a Health Care Card.