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assessment

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SENATOR CAROL BROWN asked on 31/10/2006:

[In relation to recommendations from the Access Card initial privacy impact assessment]

Senator CAROL BROWN—Those recommendations that were put forward [in the initial privacy impact assessment] were not even fed into Professor Fels's work in the consumer and privacy work that he is doing?

Ms Scott—I am happy to take it on notice. It is a case where I would have to second-guess Professor Fels's thinking, and I do not think that would be a good idea.

Answer:

The Access Card Consumer and Privacy Taskforce, headed by Professor Allan Fels provides independent advice to the Minister on consumer and privacy issues arising from the introduction of the health and social services Access Card.

Professor Fels confirmed that he had received the Privacy Impact Assessment.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes at an estimated cost of \$215.