

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

INQUIRY INTO HUMAN SERVICES (ENHANCED SERVICE DELIVERY) BILL 2007

**Senator Nettle asked the following questions at the hearing on 6 March 2007:**

Over what time period did the AGD examine a national ID card? What work (if any) was provided to DHS for the Access Card?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

On 15 July 2005 the Prime Minister stated that the Government had not ruled out consideration of a national identity card as part of a broader review of security issues following the London bombings. As a result the Attorney-General's Department was asked to provide some broad advice relating in particular to the arguments for and against a national identity card.

On 26 April 2006 the Government announced that it had ruled out introducing a compulsory national ID card.

The Department has not provided any information to the Department of Human Services about a national ID card.