

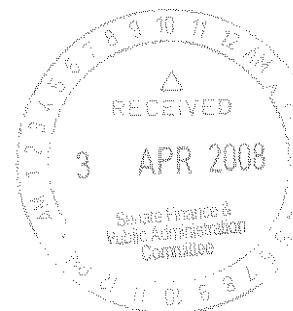
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates 2007-08 – February 2008



Question: HS126-127

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Medicare Australia – ECLIPSE

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

HS126: Please provide details as to arrangements with the private health industry to take over management of Eclipse?

HS127: What percentage of private health insurance claims are being processed through Eclipse?

Answer:

HS126: There are no current arrangements in place with the private health insurance industry to take over management of ECLIPSE.

HS127: Of the 1,367,187 in-hospital medical services processed by Medicare Australia in February 2008, 43,700 (3.20 per cent) were received via ECLIPSE. This was an increase of 18.5 per cent from January 2008. In addition, 1,973,222 Online Patient Verifications were transmitted via ECLIPSE for February 2008.