

**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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**Question: HS4**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Office of Access Card – Savings reported in KPMG Business Case**

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

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps I can ask it this way, Mr Leeper: what figure does the KPMG report formally indicate as the savings from the measure?

Mr Leeper—Given that that in effect relates to the release of material in the KPMG report, I probably need to take that on notice. The minister has indicated that we are going through a process of assessing what in the report can be released.

**Answer:**

The KPMG *Health and Social Services Smart Card Initiative, Volume 1: Business Case* states: “KPMG have provided ongoing advice to the Australian Government that fraud savings could range from at least \$1.6 billion to \$3 billion over a ten year period.” (Public Extract, Page 12).

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 9 minutes at an estimated cost of \$72.