Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Budget Estimates 2007-08 - May 2007

Question: HS16
Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Department of Human Services - Number of Access Card External staff

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SENATOR NETTLE asked on 24/05/2007:

Senator NETTLE—Are there 62 external staff?

Ms Hartland—That is correct.

Senator NETTLE—Can you give us a break-up of which are the ones from this company, and which are the ones from another company?

Ms Hartland—I can break it up further, but I do not think I have got that information here.

Senator Ellison—We will take that on notice.

Senator MOORE—Could you tell us what they are doing?

Ms Hartland—Certainly.

Senator MOORE—Could you tell us exactly what is outsourced?

Answer:

The Government has decided not to proceed with the Access Card Program. Details of funding to be returned to the Budget will be provided as part of the forthcoming Budgetary processes. With respect to the specific questions asked by the Senator, the answers are as follow:

A breakdown of external staff working in the Office of Access Card and their roles at week commencing 24 May 2007 is below. This included contractors and consultancies.

External Staffing was a 'point in time' report. Both the Lead Advisor and Program Monitoring and Assurance staff numbers varied due to staff being brought on and off the program as required.

Company	Number of full time Staff	Role
		Expert advice on delivery of
Booz Allen Hamilton	27	smart card business processes
		and technology
KPMG	3	Programme Monitoring and
		Assurance
		Business Analyst (1 staff)
SMS	7	Project Management (5 staff)
		Quality Management (1 staff)
		Senior Scheduler (1 staff)
M&T Resources	3	Project Management (1 staff)
		Technical Writing (1 staff)

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Mike Goldstein & Associates Pty Ltd	1	Pricing and Apportionment
Acumen Alliance	7	Procurement & Financial Advice
Manpower Professional	1	Project Management (1 staff)
Holocentric	1	Business Process Modelling Consultancy
Australia Post	2	Providing specialist advice on registration
Minter Ellison	2	Legal services
SOS	1	Administration/Secretarial
All Staff	1	Administration/Secretarial
Select Recruitment	1	Administration/Secretarial
TOTAL	57	