

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

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Topic: Department of Human Services – Access Card

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SENATOR STOTT DESPOJA asked on 24/05/2007:

Since Gary Nairn's separate project for "single sign-on" (a project for a single customer logon for agencies wider than just the human services / veteran's affairs agencies) has been announced, doesn't that strip away one of the so-called 'consumer benefits' from the Access Card Project?

Answer:

The Government has decided not to proceed with the Access Card Program.

With respect to the specific question asked by the Senator, the answer is as follows:

The single sign-on project announced through the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO), part of the Australian Government Online Service Point, provided for an enhanced single entry point to all Commonwealth agencies.

The access card registration process was proposed to have been available online.