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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Question asked by: Maria Kovacic

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Question:

Senator KOVACIC: Do you guys have data available on the numbers across both and also in particular, whether you have any stats on banned drinkers who have been referred to income management or enhanced income management?

Mr Burford: Yes, Senator, we can share data on both, and both are in the public arena now as well on data.gov.au and we'll send the link to that through the committee secretariat.

Answer:

The Banned Drinker Register (BDR) is authorised to refer individuals to Income Management (IM) under the Supporting People at Risk (SPaR) measure. This measure is in effect in the Northern Territory only.

This data can be found on the monthly 'Income Management Data Summary' on data.gov.au (<https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/australian-government-income-management-program>).