

Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs

Public Hearing – 22 January 2024

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Review into Income Management

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Question asked by: Janet Rice

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Question:

Senator RICE: How much are you engaging with First Nations media in getting the message out to people?

Ms Fievez: I will take that question on notice right now and I'll come back to you very shortly on that. I understand there has been some engagement and we did hear that information earlier today shared as well.

Answer:

The department is working with ETM Perspectives, an Indigenous organisation to support engagement and consultation on Income Management. Part of their role includes engagement with First Nations media and providing ongoing review and feedback on all communications (in-language radio scripts, posters, banners, correspondence) published for community consultation. The departments' media buy agency Universal McCann (UM), has also been engaged continue to work with radio partners in community to provide advice on languages to be used.