

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Public Hearing – 5 July 2024

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Human Rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Question reference number: IQ24-000072

Question asked by: Lidia Thorpe

Type of Question: Written. **Hansard Page/s:** N/A

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Question:

14. Will the department recommend the government to commit to amending the Social Security Act to include a statement of objects that outlines its purposes and aligns with relevant human rights obligations?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services remains focused on progressing the government commitment regarding voluntary Income Management, with future program design to be informed by community consultation. Please refer to the response provided to SQ24-000584 for details on consultation activity.