

Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry on Compulsory Income Management

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Enhanced income management

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Question asked by: Graham Perrett

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Question:

Mr Perrett: Income management and cashless welfare measures have been subject to numerous evaluations and reviews, all utilising different parameters and examining different aspects of the regimes. Why did the department not take into account previous audits and evaluations when developing enhanced income management?

Answer:

The department referenced previous evaluations and ANAO audit findings in the Regulatory Impact Statement for enhanced Income Management.

The Government is consulting on the future of Income Management. All sources of relevant evidence will be assessed as part of this process to inform the Government's approach.