

# Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights

Public Hearing – 29 July 2024

## ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Inquiry into Compulsory Income Management

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**Question asked by:** Lidia Thorpe

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### **Question:**

2. Income management is not self determination. It is a divisive apartheid regime, a system of racialised control keeping people in poverty. It's a breach of Human Rights that echoes the history of mission management and a different set of discriminatory laws that only apply to First Peoples. When will this end?

### **Answer:**

The Department of Social Services is consulting with communities and stakeholders on the future of Income Management (IM). Communities have requested that we consult with them on all aspects of reforms to IM. The department has committed to do that. As part of that commitment will be consulting with communities soon on issues such as how they would like to transition from compulsory IM.

Please refer to SQ24-000584 for more detail on consultation activity, including how First Nations organisation, ETM Perspectives is facilitating consultation with communities and other stakeholders.