

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights

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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:

5. Given that income management policies are in violation of UNDRIP, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the international conventions on all forms of discrimination. What does the government plan to do to make up for these crimes other than delaying an election promise of ending forced income management?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services is undertaking extensive consultations on the future of IM, in line with the Government's commitment to reform IM, and end broad-based compulsory measures. 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.