

# 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

**Question reference number:** IQ24-000153

**Question asked by:** Lidia Thorpe

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

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### **Question:**

4. Income management was introduced in 2007, when parliament suspended the racial discrimination to implement a racist policy, which otherwise would not pass as it would be deemed as racial discrimination. Why does this government still support clearly racist policies against First Peoples?

### **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.