

# Joint Committee on Human Rights

Public Hearing – 5 July 2024

## ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Family Responsibilities Commission Model

**Question reference number:** IQ24-000079

**Question asked by:** Lidia Thorpe

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

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### **Question:**

21. Is the department aware of who designed the FRC program? Was it First People who were or are currently income management considering they are the ones most impacted, and know best what they need and what will work?

### **Answer:**

Background on the Family Responsibilities Commission can be found on the Department of Social Services (the department) website at [www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/publications-articles/implementation-review-of-the-family-responsibilities-commission-2010?HTML](http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/publications-articles/implementation-review-of-the-family-responsibilities-commission-2010?HTML). (refer to Part A).

The department is consulting with communities and stakeholders on the future of Income Management. More detail on consultation activity can be found in SQ24-000584.