

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Public Hearing – 5 July 2024

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Income Management and the history of control and discrimination against aboriginal people

Question reference number: IQ24-000059

Question asked by: Lidia Thorpe

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

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 26 July 2024

Question:

1. As per submissions made to this inquiry including that of Dr Padraic Gibson from The Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, does the department accept the racist history and current reality of income management in this country, and the direct link between income management and colonial mission managers stealing our wages, enslaving and controlling First People, which continued with John Howard's apartheid style military and economic invasion of the Northern Territory?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services notes the range of views on Income Management and continues to consult on its future. Details of these consultations are provided in response to SQ24-000584.