

Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry on Compulsory Income Management

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Evaluation plan for Enhanced Income Management program

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Question asked by: Graham Perrett

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Question:

Mr Perrett: The Australian National Audit Office recommended, in recommendation 4, that your department develop and implement an evaluation plan for the Enhanced Income Management program that is consistent with the Commonwealth evaluation toolkit to inform policy design changes and any other relevant programs. Is work being done on this? Will human rights considerations form part of this evaluation?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services (the department) agreed with recommendation 4 of the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit (Auditor-General Report NO.48 of 2023–24) and is currently developing an evaluation plan for the enhanced Income Management program. This will be in line with the Commonwealth evaluation toolkit.