

Joint Committee on Human Rights

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Contracts Around Income Management

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Question:

35. Has DSS and Services Australia already been in negotiations or discussions with FRC or Indue around future models of income management? If yes, how many meetings were had, and when?

a. Have any tenders been sent out already, or contracts been entered into?

b. Is there some in principle agreement in place between FRC, Indue, the Cape York Institute and DSS / Services Australia, to implement some form of Income Management program?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services (the department) has not sent out any tenders or entered into contracts relating to future models of Income Management (IM).

The department is consulting with communities and stakeholders including state and territory governments on the future of IM. Please see SQ24-000584 for further detail on consultation activity.