

Joint Committee on Human Rights

Public Hearing – 5 July 2024

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Income management

**Question reference number:** IQ24-000109

**Question asked by:** Lidia Thorpe

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

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**Question:**

14. When introducing the current scheme, the Minister stated on 9 March 2023, “The Albanese government is working with communities on the future of income management and what it looks like for them. Any decisions about the future of income management will be based on genuine consultation with affected communities...” Can you outline details of that community consultation process that was evidently underway in March 2023, and details of any further consultation since then?

**Answer:**

Please refer to Question on Notice SQ24-000584.