

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 349

**Topic:** Income Management

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

What is the total funding provided to Western Australia to implement income management in that state?

What was that funding used for, please provide details?

Has the Government provided any funding to Western Australia to expand income management into the Peel Region?

If so, how much funding?

Is the Government aware that the Western Australian Government does not intend to expand support services for clients who will be subject to income management in the Peel Region?"

**Answer:**

In 2011-2012, the Government allocated \$17.9 million for the income management trial in Western Australia. This includes funding for the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to deliver the program to the people on income management (\$10.8 million), funding to deliver Financial Management Program services (\$5.8 million), departmental funding for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (\$1.3 million), and funding for incentive payments, communications and evaluation (\$0.8 million).

There was no additional funding provided to Western Australia for the expansion of income management into the Peel Region.

The expansion is supported by the Western Australian Department for Child Protection and people in Peel are able to access all support services available to people in other locations.