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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

Once people are in that vulnerable measure, how do they get off?

Answer:

A person on the Vulnerable Measure of income management can come off this measure for a number of reasons. These reasons are set out in the Guide to Social Security Law (SS Guide) (see <http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/11/4>).

Broadly, the ways to come off the Vulnerable Measure include:

- a social worker assessment finds that income management is no longer appropriate under the conditions set out in the SS Guide;
- the person's specified time on income management comes to an end;
- the person becomes subject to another income management measure, either the Cape York Measure (section 123UF of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* (Cth) (SS Act)), the Child Protection Measure (section 123UC of the SS Act) or the Supporting People at Risk Measure (section 123UFAA of the SS Act);
- the person is no longer in receipt of a relevant payment;
- the person has an excluded payment nominee as defined under section 123TC of the SS Act; or
- the person becomes a full time student or apprentice (only applies to a person who became a vulnerable welfare payment recipient by meeting specific automatic triggers).