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Senator Wright asked:

Provide the departmental costs that are clear about the implementation for Ceduna, for instance, and Playford, and then give an indication of what the other costs would come from, even if you cannot actually identify particular additional costs?

Answer:

The Australian Government has provided \$101.1 million in 2014-15 to extend income management in existing locations which were due to end on 30 June 2014, for one year (See p92 of DSS PBS for details). This will continue income management in the Northern Territory, and in trial sites in Perth and the Kimberley region, Laverton, and Ngaanyatjarra Lands of Western Australia and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia. The introduction of income management to Ceduna and the surrounding region in South Australia for one year (1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015) is sourced from this funding.

The Australian Government was provided with \$117.5 million over five years (2011-12 until 2015-16) to administer income management in the five 'place-based' locations of Logan and Rockhampton (QLD), Bankstown (NSW), Greater Shepparton (Vic) and Playford (SA).

It is not possible to separate out funding for each site (including Playford and Ceduna) as a proportion of the costs are fixed national costs.

The report on the Administration of New Income Management in the Northern Territory, conducted by the Australian National Audit Office, noted that the Department of Human Services is unable to directly isolate the costs of Income Management.