Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Is there emergency relief, or a funding allocation for emergency relief for the measures associated with the new compliance measures? Is it that they have not made a decision whether there will be any funding, or is it a decision around the magnitude of the funding?

Answer:

No, there is no additional Emergency Relief funding associated with this measure. People affected by the measure will be able to access existing Emergency Relief services if they are experiencing financial crisis. The Department works closely with Emergency Relief providers to monitor demand and respond as appropriate.