

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Topic: Assistance for Indigenous Australians**

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**Senator Malarndirri McCarthy asked:**

In Budget Paper No. 1, at page 6-24, it is table 9, 'Summary of expenses, social security and welfare'. The explanation in the second paragraph says:

"assistance to the unemployed and the sick sub-function, which is expected to increase by 16.8 per cent in real terms between 2017-18 and 2020-21"

Can you explain why that is the case?

**Answer:**

The explanation for the increase in expenses for the sub-function "Assistance to the unemployed and the sick" can be found on paragraph 1, page 6-28 of Budget Paper No.1 2017-18, available at [www.budget.gov.au/2017-18/content/bp1/download/bp1.pdf](http://www.budget.gov.au/2017-18/content/bp1/download/bp1.pdf).