

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** CHILD PROTECTION INCOME MANAGEMENT MEASURES

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**Senator:** Senator Siewert

**Question:**

- a) Has the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) had any involvement with FaHCSIA's survey work on income management measures, in particular, child protection income management measures?
- b) Has the AIHW had any involvement with FaHCSIA's survey work on income management measures with respect to survey work being undertaken in Western Australia at this time, including consultation on the design of the study, and particularly as the study relates to child protection income management measures?

**Answer:**

- a) In 2009, the Australian Institute Health and Welfare (AIHW) was contracted to assist the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA) to undertake the interim evaluation of the child protection scheme of income management, and the voluntary income management initiatives in Western Australia. The AIHW undertook the following work under this contract:
  - Provided advice on the development of the evaluation framework and methodology, including advice on the questionnaires used for stakeholder focus groups and client surveys.
  - Compiled the interim evaluation reports based on information and data provided by FaHCSIA.

The data sources for the interim evaluation were:

- Administrative Centrelink data provided by FaHCSIA
- Stakeholder focus groups undertaken by ORIMA Research
- Client interviews undertaken by Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre Australia.

The AIHW completed the interim evaluation reports in August 2009 and provided it to the Department.

- b) The AIHW has no subsequent involvement in any FaHCSIA surveys relating to income management schemes in Western Australia.