

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Financial Management

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Senator Cash asked:

With respect to the Welfare Payments Reform line item in Program 3.1 in the 2012-13 PBS (page 68, FaHCSIA PBS 2012-13):

- a. Can you provide a breakdown of this line item by sub-program or program components and their respective administered and departmental costs?
- b. How much of this is grant funding?
- c. If funding is allocated by grant, have any of these grants been frozen? Please provide details of which grants and the amount of funding that has been frozen.
- d. What are the objectives of the Welfare Payments Reform program component?
- e. What are the outcomes or KPIs by which the efficacy of the program component is being measured?

Answer:

- a. The Welfare Payment Reform line on page 68 FaHCSIA PBS 2012-13 outline administered funds for the income management in the Northern Territory and the Place-Based Income Management sites. These administered funds are to pay for communications, incentive payments and evaluation activities.

It is not possible to provide the Departmental costs for the delivery of these programs, as this funding is not separated by the Sub-program level.

- b. None.
- c. N/A
- d. To help people have money available for life's essentials such as food, rent and clothing and limit the expenditure of income support payments on excluded items, including alcohol and tobacco products, pornography and gambling activities.
- e. Income Management has the following KPI
 - Amount and percentage of income-managed funds spent on priority needs.