

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 374

**Topic:** Welfare reform

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Can you confirm whether any work has been done of future changes to Australia's welfare payments system? What is the nature of this work?

**Answer:**

The Department of Social Services has policy responsibility for almost all of the Commonwealth Government's welfare payments. Subsequently, and as part of its normal business, the Department is considering all aspects of the payments system, including ensuring that it is sustainable, effective and coherent and encourages workforce participation.