Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Can you provide a copy of the questionnaires being used with stakeholders and participants as part of the CDC evaluation?

Answer:

The Department has sought advice from the evaluation provider ORIMA about provision of the Cashless Debit Card Trial research guides and questionnaires. The evaluation provider, ORIMA, has advised against public release of the Wave One research guides and questionnaires prior to completion of Wave Two. The Wave Two questionnaires that will be used in early 2017 are very similar to the Wave One questionnaires, and release prior to the Wave Two fieldwork has the potential to influence respondent responses and compromise the independence of the evaluation.