

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**Question No:** 9

**Topic:** Teen Mothers

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**Senator Bernardi** asked:

In Minister Macklin's release on Tuesday, 10 May detailing the Teen Mothers pilot program, it states that 10 disadvantaged communities across Australia were chosen for a trial. What criteria were used to select these 10 sites?

**Answer:**

The 10 sites were chosen based on an assessment of the prevalence of factors such as unemployment, the number of people relying on welfare payments as their primary source of income, and the length of time people have been receiving income support payments.