

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Child Protection Income Management Measure

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### **Question:**

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice to give me an update on how the development of those agreements is going with each of those five states? I have realised that there are not five states, sorry.

#### **Answer:**

The department, in conjunction with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as the lead department undertaking this work, is currently working with the state governments of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia to develop an income management referral model for state child protection and housing officers.

Draft bilateral agreements are being negotiated with the states. As a part of this process, each of the state governments is developing referral criteria and policies that will work best for their clients. To date all bilateral agreements are still to be finalised.