

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities

Question No: SQ17-000066

Topic: Cashless Debit Card

Hansard page: Written

Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

The Government and agencies have called the East Kimberley trial community controlled but what specifically has the Government done to listen to concerns of community members outside the consulted leadership group?

Answer:

More than 130 consultations in the East Kimberley have been conducted by the Department of Social Services and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

As well as consulting recognised community leaders, the consultation format has included one-on-one meetings and group roundtables with:

- potential participants;
- family violence service providers;
- family support services;
- education providers;
- health providers;
- rehabilitation service providers;
- police;
- local and state government agencies; and
- the Department of Human Services local staff.