

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

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Question No: SQ17-000070

Topic: Cashless Debit Card

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

How many people have had the amount quarantined on the card reduced?

a. What are the reasons for requests to reduce the amount quarantined being rejected?

Answer:

As at 28 February 2017, 126 people have had the amount quarantined on their Cashless Debit Card reduced.

a. Panel decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. The decisions and their rationale are individualised and confidential.

The factors that each panel considers when making a decision are listed in each panel's guidelines available at: <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/programmes-services/welfare-conditionality>.