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Question No: SQ17-000245

Topic: Cashless Debit Card

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Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore asked:

1. When will the report on the recent Cashless Card trial be released?
2. What has the report found?
3. What findings are available?
4. What is the next location for a Cashless Card trial?
5. When will this be rolled out?

Answer:

The Cashless Debit Card (CDC) Trial Wave 1 Interim Evaluation Report was released by the Minister for Human Services, the Hon Alan Tudge MP, on 14 March 2017.

The report can be found on the Department of Social Services website,
<https://www.dss.gov.au/families-and-children/programs-services/welfare-conditionality/cashless-debit-card-trial-wave-1-evaluation-report>

The Government is considering future directions of welfare quarantining, informed by learnings from the CDC trial sites. No decision has been made by Government on any expansion of the CDC.