Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Income Management

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Senator Siewert asked:

How many people have been referred through the states? You said a small number? Are you able to tell us that now, or do you need to take it on notice?

Answer:

Currently, state housing authorities have the ability to refer individuals to Centrelink case workers for consideration for the social worker assessed form of the vulnerable measure of income management. As at 27 March 2015, there have been less than 20 individuals who have been placed on income management through this measure since it was implemented on 1 July 2012.