

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 245

**Topic:** The NTER Monitoring Report

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

The NTER Monitoring report for Jan-June 2010 (now referred to as ‘Closing the Gap in the NT monitoring report’) says:

*Between July 2007 and June 2010 \$348.3m has been income managed and \$343.1m has been spent.*

What does this gap of \$5.2m between that ‘managed’ and that ‘spent’ represent? – is it monies in individual’s savings accounts?

**Answer:**

Yes, some of the money may be unspent funds in people’s income management accounts.

The timing of the report, the timing of the payment of allocations and the date on which customers are paid by Centrelink also contributed to this figure.

In addition, reconciliation of return payments from third party providers contribute to discrepancies in expenses paid and balance. Data is from Centrelink Administrative data as at 25 June 2010.