

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
Inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment
(Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017

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Question No: 14

Topic: Recommendations or budget analysis for other banks to provide a cashless debit card

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Senator Siewert asked:

Have you made any recommendations or any budget analysis around what it would cost to bring other banks online, to include other banks in the provision of a cashless debit card?

Answer:

The Department continues to engage with stakeholders regarding technological developments which may improve how quarantined payments can be delivered. This includes exploring the feasibility of different options for delivering payments with restrictions. However, this research is preliminary and the Department is not yet in a position to make any recommendations or provide specific budget analysis.