

**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**

**Outcome Number: Outcome 2.1**

**Question No: 6**

**Topic: Cashless Debit Card**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

What consultations have been held in terms of community consultation about the proposed extension for the East Kimberley trial and Ceduna?

**Answer:**

The Department of Social Services had regular engagement on the ground in both the Ceduna and the East Kimberley prior to any decisions on the extension of both sites. This included continuous engagement with community leaders, local partners, community members and organisations.

Minister Tudge's Office has advised that Minister Tudge also visited the East Kimberley in September 2016 to meet with community leaders, key stakeholders and participants of each community. During this trip, the Minister raised the possibility of a trial extension and sought feedback on community sentiment towards the extension.