

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Questions from Senator Siewert - Question 2 - Coronavirus Supplement

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**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Type of Question:** Written. Hansard Page/s:

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**Question:**

The Coronavirus Supplement has lifted tens of thousands of Indigenous people out of poverty. Can the Department provide an estimate of how many Indigenous households will fall below the poverty line in October when the Coronavirus Supplement is removed if there is no increase to the Jobseeker and related payments?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government is committed to a welfare system that supports the most vulnerable, encourages those who are able to work or study, and is sustainable for future generations.