

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Child Protection Income Management

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### **Question:**

- a) **Senator SIEWERT** - In terms of the process of transition to date, can you tell me how much it has cost from the initiation of the new process to now?

**Ms Cartwright** - Can I take that one on notice.

**Senator SIEWERT** - Yes, that is fine.

**Ms Ramsey** - Is that for the Northern Territory?

**Senator SIEWERT** - It is for the new process, yes. I am sorry; I am jumping around here. I was about to make an assumption, but I probably should not. With the budget for the Western Australian trial, can you tell me how much you have spent against the budget?

**Ms Cartwright** - We could take that one on notice.....

- b) **Senator SIEWERT**—Yes. The breakdown of the voluntary income management is on that sheet, so I will not go through that now. I will get to that in a second. That 211 is for the whole metropolitan area of the trial. What has been the total number of people under that measure over the period of the trial?

**Ms Cartwright**—I will take that one on notice, too. I do not have that data in front of me, I am sorry.

#### **Answer:**

- a) Child Protection and Voluntary Income Management were costed and managed as a single initiative (Ref: PBS 2010-11, page 51, \$10.867million). Costs relating to the Child Protection component are unable to be separated from costs relating to the Voluntary Income Management component.
- b) As at 14 March 2011, 505 customers have participated in the Child Protection Income Management measure.