

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Farm Assistance Package

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Under what instrument does the department derive the authority to deliver the interim FHA payments?

Ms Golightly: It is an administrative arrangement, but Ms Rule will be able to tell you.

Ms Rule: I do not have the name of it on me. I would have to take that on notice, but it is an executive scheme and it is administered through the Department of Agriculture.

Answer:

The Department of Human Services administers Interim Farm Household Allowance under policy guidelines provided by the Department of Agriculture. The Commonwealth derives legislative authority for the Interim Farm Household Allowance from the *Financial Management Accountability Act 1997* and Schedule 1AB of the *Financial Management and Accountability Regulations 1997*.