

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Topic: Income Management**

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**Senator Siewert, Rachel** asked:

Regarding the Western Australian income management trial, in the child protection measure, are you able to give me any details on the rate at which people are coming off it? I am looking to see if we are seeing people going onto income management and then providing support, developing skills and having them come off it.

**Answer:**

Child Protection Income Management

There are currently 376 people on the Child Protection Measure of Income Management across all locations.

Since commencement, a total of 1,944 people have been on the measure. These people, on average, have spent 45 weeks on the measure.

Only one in nine people who have been on the Child Protection measure have had a one month gap between multiple notices to income management, indicating a low proportion of people cycling on and off the measure.

Of those who have been on Child Protection Income Management across Australia:

- one quarter have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- fourteen per cent went on to volunteer for income management once they ceased the Child Protection Measure.

Cape York Income Management

There are currently 175 people on income management as part of the Cape York Welfare Reform trials.

Since commencement, a total of 673 people have been on income management as part of the trials. These people, on average, have spent 72 weeks on income management.

Of those who have been on Cape York Income Management:

- almost half (44 per cent) have subsequently stopped receiving income support payments all together for one month or more; and
- over one third (40 per cent) had a one month gap between multiple notices to income management.