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Topic: Income Management - continuation and expansion in Western Australia

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

Regarding the \$16.4 million over two years announced in the 2013-14 Budget for the continuation and expansion of income management in Western Australia. How many persons have been placed on income management in Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands to date?
b. How many of these persons on income management were placed on it voluntarily, and how many were referred by Centrelink or state child protection authorities?

Answer:

A) As at 14 June 2013:

Location	Number of people on income management
Laverton	34
Ngaanyatjarra Lands (including East Pilbarra)	159

The \$16.4 million over two years announced in the 2013-14 Budget included \$11.8 million to continue the current income management trials in Perth, Peel and the Kimberley for one year until 30 June 2014.

It also included \$4.5 million over two years for the expansion of income management into Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in Western Australia. The \$4.5 million was absorbed.

B) 191 people volunteered for income management. Fewer than 20 people were referred by state child protection officers or placed on the measure by Centrelink social workers.

Data Source: Department of Human Services administrative data as at 14 June 2013.