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Senator Siewert asked:

Without going through a social worker, can the states currently refer using the SPaR mechanism?

Answer:

The Supporting People at Risk (SPaR) measure of income management, as described in Part 3B of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, allows for designated state authorities to directly refer individuals to the income management programme. Currently, the only active SPaR authority is the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal in the Northern Territory. The Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal can decide whether to make referrals without going through a social worker.