

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities

Question No: SQ15-000698

Topic: Healthy Welfare Card

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Senator Siewert asked:

Can I have the breakdown of the money that has been provided out of the \$2.7 million for the consultation process and the technical process?

Answer:

The 2015-16 Budget allocated \$2.7 million to facilitate consultation and engagement with communities and industry on future income management arrangements. The consultations will enable Government to identify best practice technology and service delivery arrangements for a commercially delivered debit card arrangement.

The table below provides an outline of activities and estimated breakdown included in this funding:

<p>Departmental expenses, including staffing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design broad-scale industry engagement; • manage industry engagement processes; • implement industry engagement; • provide logistical and secretariat support; • provide internal legal advice; and • liaise with multiple consultants and external legal providers. 	\$1,338,000
<p>Consultancy support, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strategic design advice for industry engagement; • business expertise; • technology expertise; • probity advice; and • review of outcomes of industry engagement. 	\$910,000
External legal advice	\$450,000
Total	\$2,700,000 (Rounded to the nearest \$10,000)