Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3 Question No: 92

Topic: Income Management Trial in Bankstown

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Senator Rhiannon asked:

What is the timeframe for rolling this program out in Bankstown, testing its effect and possibly extending the program elsewhere?

Answer:

Income management is scheduled to commence in Bankstown on 1 July 2012. An evaluation to assess the impact of place-based income management will be conducted by independent researchers. This evaluation is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2011-2012 to collect baseline data and will conclude in May 2015.

Any decision to extend the program is a matter for government policy decision.