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Senator McLucas asked:

Has the Department conducted any analyses of CRA, in terms of its adequacy, indexation and possible changes to its targeting?

Answer:

Consistent with its responsibility to administer and advise Government on the social security system, the Department routinely monitors the impact of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) payment settings.

Specifically, the Department conducts a broad high-level analysis of CRA on a quarterly basis. This analysis includes a basic snapshot of CRA adequacy, for example, the proportion of CRA recipients paying over 30 per cent and over 50 per cent of income in rent. Some of this work is published in the Department's 2013-14 Annual Report.