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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Cashless Welfare Card

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Senator Malarndirri McCarthy asked:

Has ORIMA worked with Aboriginal communities before? Would like further information on cultural respect and appropriateness, who ORIMA is and what they have done.

Answer:

ORIMA is a research company which specialises in evaluation and has conducted research with an Indigenous focus for the:

- former Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Department of Health and Ageing
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Australian Taxation Office.

The conduct of the research and reporting of the evaluation being conducted by ORIMA for the Cashless Debit Card Trial Evaluation is guided by the:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies: *Guidelines for Ethical Research in Australian Indigenous Studies* (2012)
- Australasian Evaluation Society *Guidelines for the ethical conduct of evaluations* (Australasian Evaluation Society 2010)
- approval of a Human Research Ethics Committee, Bellberry Limited.