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Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore asked:

Is there a source document with the statistics being quoted?

Answer:

The Department receives data from service providers and state governments that it uses to inform the Minister on the progress of the Cashless Debit Card trial. The Minister is also in regular contact with stakeholders in the trial communities and receives information directly from them on the trial's progress.

While the Department cannot confirm the definitive source of each piece of information the Minister uses publicly, the Department continuously collects data from various sources, and has collated material received to date into a six month report. The Cashless Debit Card Trial Progress Report, produced in October 2016, is attached to SQ16-000437.