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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question: Has the Government considered, or implemented, automatic deduction of rent from social housing tenant's welfare payments under the new Remote Indigenous Housing Strategy?

Answer:

Policy responsibility for welfare payments sits with the Department of Social Services.

Negotiations on the new Remote Indigenous Housing Strategy are still ongoing.