Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 29 MAY 2008

Human Services Portfolio

Department/Agency: Human Services

Outcome/Output Group: Outcome 1, Output Group 1

Topic: Income Management

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

HS20: The Budget papers show \$63.1m in 2008-09 for "Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – Income Management" - \$60.1m for FHCSIA and \$3.6m for Human Services. What is it to be spent on?

Answer:

HS20: Budget Paper No.2 shows \$63.7 million funding for this measure in 2008-09. Of this, Centrelink will receive \$50.4 million and the Department of Human Services will receive \$3.6 million. This will enable the Human Services Portfolio to continue the development and implementation of income management arrangements, including the Income Management Card, in the Northern Territory.

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