

Request:

Complete costing of implementing and managing the government's trials of the Healthy Welfare Card (in Ceduna and East Kimberley) from 1 July 2015 to April 2017 (the initial end date of the trial). Trials were implemented under the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit Card Trial) Bill 2015. This includes contract payments to implementing organisations.

Response:

Total Cost

The estimated maximum cost of implementing and managing the Cashless Debit Card trial in Ceduna and the East Kimberley from 1 July 2015 to April 2017 is \$18.9 million (GST exclusive). This includes both departmental and administered funding for both the Department of Social Services and the Department of Human Services and one-off costs to establish the trial.

In addition to these costs:

- \$1 million of funding for wrap around support services was provided for the Ceduna trial region and \$1.6 million of additional funding for wrap around support services was provided for the East Kimberley trial region. These services are funded over a period of between twelve and sixteen months.

Payments to implementing and managing organisations¹

The following contract payments to implementing organisations are available on Austender:

- CN3323493 – Indue (card provider) operational contract, \$7,939,809.00
- CN3290604 – Indue information technology build contract, \$2,870,675.50
- CN3321854 – ORIMA evaluation contract, \$1,588,131.60

Note: Austender contract figures are GST inclusive.

¹ Implementing and managing organisations includes organisations that have been engaged for activities directly related to the implementation and ongoing management of the Cashless Debit Card. In addition, some organisations were contracted as part of the development and design of the trial e.g. an ICT contractor (refer Austender contract notice CN3280244-A2). The costs of these contracts fall within the \$18.9 million.