

CASHLESS DEBIT CARD TRIAL

**250. Hon ROBIN SCOTT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:**

If it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the government that the Indue card contributes to reducing alcoholism, drug abuse, poverty, misery, ill-health, violence and crime, what plans does the government have to cooperate with the commonwealth for the extension of the card to remote and regional areas in Western Australia?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The cashless debit card, or Indue card, is a matter for the federal government. The McGowan government is of the view that any trial or further rollout of the card should have community support and endorsement. Secondly, any such rollout of the card needs to be fully and properly evaluated using appropriate and peer-reviewed research to determine its effectiveness.