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Department of Social Services

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Dear Ms White

Thank you for your letter of 09 January 2020 to the Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, concerning the Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) supplementation. The Minister has asked me to reply to you on her behalf.

We note your concerns about the impact of the cessation of the Social and Community Services (SACS) Special Account on 30 June 2021 and the information you have provided on the effect on services to the community.

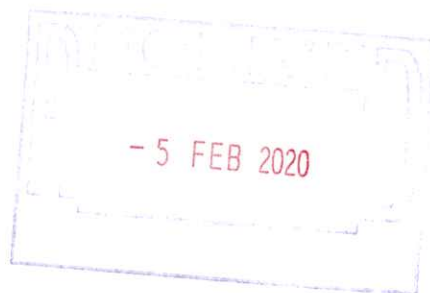
The SACS Special Account is a temporary measure to support the sector to implement the Fair Work Australia decision to increase wages for low paid workers. Since its commencement, some programs have been redesigned, transitioned to new arrangements or ceased, eliminating the need for SACS supplementation however, we appreciate there is still more work to do.

We will continue to engage with funded service providers to understand potential implications of the cessation of ERO supplementation payments. We are also engaging with other Commonwealth agencies that manage programs that receive the ERO supplementation.

Thank you again for writing

Yours sincerely

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