Transcript of excerpts from *Parenting and partner allowances* video

Excerpt 1

**Michelle Tuahine:** We’re on Palm Island in Far North Queensland. I’m here to tell you about some changes that the Department of Social Security is making to some of their payments.

Excerpt 2

**Michelle Tuahine:** If you’re getting Partner Allowance, Home Child Care Allowance, or if your partner is working on CDEP, you might be affected by these changes.

Excerpt 3

**Michelle Tuahine:** Firstly, Partner Allowance. If you get Partner Allowance and you’re over 40 years old, and you don’t have any children under 16 years of age at home, then there probably won’t be any change to the way that you get paid. It’s likely that you will stay on Partner Allowance.

But, if you’re under 40 years of age, and aren’t looking after kids at home, then you won’t be able to get Partner Allowance after the 1st of July this year.

Excerpt 4

**Michelle Tuahine:** If you’re getting Partner Allowance and have children under 16 years of age who are living at home, or if you get Home Child Care Allowance, your payment will change after the 1st of July this year. You’ll get Parenting Allowance instead. You’ll also be paid on a different day. You’ll get a letter from Social Security about these changes, and a newsletter will be sent to you in June.

If you’re not sure what you need to do, contact an AILO from Social Security or talk to a Community Agent.

Excerpt 5

**Michelle Tuahine:** If your partner is working a CDEP scheme, then you can still apply for Parenting Allowance or Job Search Allowance, and in some cases you may still be able to get Partner Allowance. But if you both work on a CDEP scheme, then you will not be able to get any of these payments as well.