Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 36

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

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Senator Cash asked:

How many temporary visa holders currently receive FTB Part B? Can you provide a breakdown of this figure by the category of visa held by the recipient?

Answer:

Holders of some temporary visa subclasses may be eligible to receive Family Tax Benefit (FTB).

Holders of Special Category Visa (SCV), which is granted to people who enter Australia on a New Zealand passport, may also be eligible to receive FTB upon meeting a 'residing in Australia' requirement.

As at 28 December 2012, data on number of temporary visa holders receiving FTB Part B is as follows:

Visa Subclass	FTB Part B customers
309 - Spouse/Partner (Provisional)	896
820 - Extended Eligibility (Spouse/Partner)	466
444 - SCV	226
Others	172
Total	1,760