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Topic: Program Support

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Senator Bernardi asked:

Why is there a decrease in program support funding in the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements for Program 1.2 Family Tax Benefit, compared with the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements?

Answer:

Program support for the Family Tax Benefit program has not reduced.

The allocation of program support funding is notional. The program support estimate is derived using an attribution model which takes into account average staffing costs (based on expected full-time equivalent staff numbers), supplier expenses, corporate overheads (e.g. accommodation and ICT) and staffing structures.

The key driver of the difference in program support estimates between the 2011-12 and 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements was a different treatment in the attribution model of funding which FaHCSIA provides to other agencies that deliver services on behalf of FaHCSIA.