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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 83

Topic: Family Payment Reform - Limit Family Tax Benefit Part B to families with children under six years of age and New Family Tax Benefit Allowance

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Did the Department do any modelling on the impact of these measures on various family types?

- a. If yes, could the Department please provide that modelling?
- b. Was the Government provided with this modelling?

Answer:

Under this measure, Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part B will be paid to families who have a youngest child aged under six from 1 July 2015. Grandfathering rules will apply, allowing families already eligible for FTB Part B for a youngest child aged six and over to remain eligible for FTB Part B for two years until 30 June 2017. From 1 July 2017, all families with a youngest child aged six or over will no longer be eligible for FTB Part B. The Department has estimated the number of families who may be impacted by this measure across the forward estimates. Family types are grouped by the age of the youngest child. This information is below.

- a. Table 1: Estimated number of families with youngest child aged six or over no longer eligible in 2017-18 as a result of the measure (Customer numbers are based on DSS Budget Estimates population projections)

Age of the youngest child	2017-18
6	33,400
7	59,500
8	54,400
9	49,700
10	49,000
11	49,400
12	48,800
13	50,200
14	49,600
15	49,500
16	40,600
17	31,400
18	7,700

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- b. The Department is unable to answer to this question as it involves the deliberations of Government as part of the Budget process.