

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 93

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 and Senator Moore asked:

Is the Department aware of how many families who currently receive FTB-B include a parent who does not earn any income from work, whose youngest child is aged between 6 and 16 (or 18 and participating in full-time study)?

- a) What is this number as a proportion of the total number of families receiving FTB-B?
- b) Has the Department undertaken any modelling projecting whether this number of families will change following the implementation of the new rules over the forward estimates period? If so, please provide this work to the Committee.

Answer:

- a) As at March 2014:
 - Around 457,000 families received FTB-B and include a parent who does not earn any income from work and whose youngest child is aged between 6 and 16 (or 18 and participating in full-time study.)
 - This represents around 34% of the total number of families receiving FTB-B.
- b) No.