

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 118

Topic: Family Payment Reform - Better targeting of Family Tax Benefit Part B

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Did the Department do any modelling on the impact of this measure on various family types?

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

Answer:

- a. The Department has estimated the impact of reducing the FTB Part B primary earner income limit to \$100,000 on different family types. In 2015-16 (the first year of the measure) an estimated 137,000 FTB Part B families will no longer be eligible to receive FTB Part B. This includes an estimated:
 - 18,100 single parent families;
 - 46,100 partnered families receiving a part rate; and
 - 72,700 partnered families receiving the maximum rate.By 2017-18 an estimated 149,000 FTB Part B families will no longer be eligible to receive FTB Part B. This includes an estimated:
 - 20,900 single parent families;
 - 50,100 partnered families receiving a part rate; and
 - 78,300 partnered families receiving the maximum rate.
- b. The Department is unable to comment on advice provided to Government.