

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 206**

**Topic: Family Payment Reform - Limit the Large Family Supplement to Families with four or more children**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Has the Department undertaken modelling on the impact of this measure on different family types (i.e. by number of children and family income level)?

a. Please provide that modelling to the Committee.

**Answer:**

Under this measure, Large Family Supplement (LFS) will be paid for the fourth and subsequent child, and will no longer be paid to families with three children from 1 July 2015. The LFS is a component of FTB Part A. The Department has estimated the number of families who may be impacted by this measure across the forward estimates. Family types are grouped by number of children. This information is below.

The Department has not undertaken modelling on the impact of this measure on different family types by family income level.

a. Table 1: Estimated number of FTB Part A families with 3 or more children, 2015-16 to 2017-18

No. of Children Per Family	No. of Families 2015-16	No. of Families 2016-17	No. of Families 2017-18
3	262,000	257,000	254,000
4	85,000	83,300	82,700
5	24,200	23,700	23,500
6	8,000	7,800	7,800
7	2,500	2,400	2,400
8	900	900	800
9	300	300	300
10+	100	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>383,000</b>	<b>375,500</b>	<b>371,600</b>

\* Notes to the table:

- Figures do not add up to totals due to rounding.

- Customer numbers are based on 2011-12 data with DSS Budget Estimates population projections applied.