

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 1 JUNE 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: No Jab, No Pay

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Senator: Kakoschke-Moore

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Question:

- a) How many incentive payments have been made to GPs under the No Jab No Pay policy because they have reminded parents that their children's immunisation is overdue?
- b) What is the proportion of children in FTB families who are behind in their immunisation?
- c) What is the number of children within South Australia who are behind in their immunisation?
- d) What is the proportion of children in non-FTB families who are behind in their immunisation?

Answer:

- a) Incentive, or catch-up payments for vaccination providers began in March 2016 and apply to vaccines administered on or after 1 January 2016. Up until 31 May 2017, there have been 143,263 catch up payments made to vaccination providers. It is not possible to determine which of these payments are attributable to a reminder that immunisation is overdue.
- b) As at 31 May 2017, five per cent of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) eligible children whose families had balanced their FTB payment for the 2015–16 Financial Year, did not meet immunisation requirements.
- c) According to the Australian Immunisation Register, as at 12 June 2017 there were 46,495 individuals aged 0-19 years in South Australia who were not fully vaccinated.
- d) According to the Australian Immunisation Register, as at 12 June 2017, 11 per cent of individuals aged 0-19 years in Australia were not fully vaccinated. It is not possible to break this figure down into FTB and non-FTB families.