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Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

How much will families receiving family tax benefit part A be worse off by for each child under 13 in the first year of the pause?

By how much would it otherwise have gone up?

What is the cumulative impact of that would be over a two-year period, assuming their income was the same, what loss to their income, relative over time, would they have to what otherwise would have had?

Answer:

The *Social Services Legislation Amendment Act 2017* maintains Family Tax Benefit payment rates for two years at their current levels from 1 July 2017.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit will not receive a lower rate of payment as a result of this measure, assuming their income does not change. Some families may receive a small increase in their rate of payment as a result of the indexation of some income thresholds.