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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit

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Topic: FTB

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

How much worse off will families be, who receive FTB B in the first year of the pause whose youngest child is under five and what the cumulative impact will be as well.

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.