

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 17

Topic: Schoolkids Bonus

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Senator Cash asked:

Are Tasmanian parents who have children starting school at four years of age eligible to receive the Schoolkids Bonus? If not, what is the rationale behind this decision? Would they have been eligible to receive the Education Tax Refund?

Answer:

The Schoolkids Bonus provides assistance with the costs of education for primary school and high school students. If an eligible Tasmanian parent has a four year old child that has started primary school they are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus. In Tasmania the first year of primary school is called preparatory. These are the same rules as applied under the Education Tax Refund.