

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit

Question No: SQ15-000902

Topic: FTB Measures

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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

1. How much will the government's decision not to proceed with the measure to freeze family tax benefit rates cost the budget:
 - a) Over the forward estimates
 - b) Over the next ten years
2. How much will the government's decision not to proceed with the measure to freeze eligibility thresholds cost the budget:
 - a) Over the forward estimates
 - b) Over the next ten years

Answer:

1. a) Not proceeding with the measure to maintain FTB rates is expected to have the following financial impact over the forward estimates (fiscal balance):

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
\$2.3 m	-\$355.7 m	-\$363.8 m	-\$358.6 m	-\$1075.8 m

1. b) This measure has not been costed beyond the forward estimates.

2. a) Not proceeding with the measure to maintain certain FTB eligibility thresholds is expected to have the following financial impact over the forward estimates (underlying cash):

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
\$2.5 m	-\$106.6 m	-\$210.3 m	-\$211.3 m	-\$525.7 m

2. b) This measure has not been costed beyond the forward estimates.