

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
27-28 May 2015

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 1/1.1

Topic: Family Tax Benefit Part B costings

Senator: Wong

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Question:

Has Finance:

1. Completed a costing;
2. Been provided costing information from the Department of Social Services;
3. Provided advice on this costing or costing information to
 - a) The Minister for Finance; or
 - b) The Minister for Finance's office;

in relation to options for modifying the 2014-15 Budget measure titled 'Family Payment Reform – limit Family Tax Benefit Part B to families with children under six years of age'?

Answer:

Finance's role includes costing a range of options across all areas of government expenditure. These options may or may not be considered by the Government. Disclosing whether any costings have been undertaken in relation to matters that are not announced could reveal Cabinet deliberations.