

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Parenting Payment reforms – estimated saving

The estimated saving to the Budget from the Parenting Payment eligibility changes only (not including the Newstart Allowance personal income test changes) over the entire forward estimates period and in each of the years 2012-13 to 2014-15.

Answer

The *Incentives for Single Parents and Parenting Payment Reforms* under the *Building Australia's Future Workforce* package included new responsibilities coupled with a package of assistance.

The total estimated Budget impact is:

Financial Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Expense (\$m)	2.9	19.0	11.5	-6.8	26.6

The estimated Budget impact of the Parenting Payment eligibility changes, not including the Newstart Allowance personal income test changes, is:

Financial Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Expense (\$m)	2.9	-9.7	-58.2	-87.2	-152.2

The estimated Budget impact of the income test concessions for single principal carers on Newstart Allowance, is:

Financial Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Expense (\$m)	0	28.8	69.7	80.3	178.8

*Please note that discrepancies in tables are due to rounding