

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 14

**Topic:** Family Tax Benefit

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of how many people currently receive Family Tax Benefit B by rate of payment and number of children? Please provide the figures for the 2011/2012 financial year and to date.

**Answer :** It is not possible to provide final figures for the 2011-12 financial year until after the claim period ends on 1 July 2014.

At the point in time of 29 June 2012, there were approximately 1,356,000 families eligible for the FTB Part B instalment payment. There were approximately 2,631,000 FTB eligible children within these families.

Based on 2009/10 (the last entitlement year for which the claim period has finished), an additional approximate 7% of families claim FTB A as a lump sum payment.

The breakdown of these families by rate of payment is available in FaHCSIA's Annual Report 2011-12, Table 5.3.

At the point in time of 28 September 2012, there were approximately 1,346,000 families eligible for the FTB Part B instalment payment. There were approximately 2,610,000 FTB eligible children within these families.

The breakdown of these families by rate of payment was as follows\*:

1. Maximum rate: 629,000 single families
2. Maximum rate: 318,000 couple families
3. Broken rate: 399,000 couple families

Note \*: Total may not equal the sum of all the sub-components due to rounding.