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Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit

Question No: SQ16-000323

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

1. How many families (with income of less than \$80,000) will be affected by the phasing out of the FTB-A supplement, by electorate and state?
 - a) How many of these families receive the maximum rate of FTB-A, by state and electorate?
2. How many families will be affected by the phasing out of the FTB-B supplement, by state and electorate?
 - a) What is the average income of these families, overall and by state and electorate?
3. How many families will lose both the FTB-A and B supplements, by state and electorate?
 - a) What is the average income of these families, overall and by state and electorate?
 - b) How many of these families receive the maximum rate of FTB-A?
4. What is the average amount lost per family, across all families affected by the cuts to FTB-A and B supplements?

Answer:

1. It is estimated that about 1.2 million* families with an income less than \$80,000 will be affected by the phasing out of the FTB Part A supplement as at June 2016.
 - a) It is estimated that about 590,000* families receive the maximum rate of FTB Part A. Almost all of these families will have income below \$80,000.
2. It is estimated that about 1.3 million* families will be affected by the phasing out of the FTB Part B supplement as at June 2016.
 - a) The average income of these families as at June 2016 is estimated to be about \$44,300.
3. It is estimated that about 1.3 million* families will lose their FTB Part A and Part B supplements.
 - a) The average income of these families as at June 2016 is estimated to be about \$44,300¹.
 - b) It is estimated that about 559,000* families who will lose their FTB Part A and Part B supplements are in receipt of a maximum rate of FTB Part A.
4. The average amount lost per family, across all families affected by the cuts to FTB Part A and B supplements depends on individual circumstances such as the number of children, primary earner and secondary earner income splits among other factors. To answer this question would require a significant diversion of resources.

* To split these answers by state and electorate would require a significant diversion of resources.

¹ Around 99 per cent of FTB Part B families also receive FTB Part A.