

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Public Hearing – 29 January 2021  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Update to SQ20-000532

**Question reference number:** IQ21-000006

**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the Committee for the return of answer:** 12 February 2021

**Question:**

Please provide an update to SQ20-000532.

**Answer:**

The following table shows the number of Family Tax Benefit children who have a parent receiving a qualifying payment for the Coronavirus Supplement.

**Table: Number of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) children who have a parent receiving a qualifying payment for the Coronavirus Supplement as at 29 January 2021**

Payment qualifying for Coronavirus Supplement	Number of FTB children <sup>a</sup>
Parenting Payment Single	485,258
Jobseeker Payment	438,249
Parenting Payment Partnered	136,750
Austudy	11,567
Special Benefit	2,754
Youth Allowance (Other)	1,948
ABSTUDY	1,080
Youth Allowance (Student and Apprentice)	883
Widow Allowance	37
Partner Allowance	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,078,526</b>

**Notes:** To avoid double counting for couple families that are both on an income support payment, the payment counted is based on the following hierarchy:

1. JobSeeker Payment
2. Youth Allowance (Other)
3. Youth Allowance (Student and Apprentice)
4. Special Benefit
5. Austudy
6. ABSTUDY
7. Parenting Payment Partnered
8. Partner Allowance