

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 40

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

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Senator Bernardi asked:

For both installment and lump sum eligible recipients of FTB A and B, please provide a breakdown of the age group of the children, broad age group of parents, and the family income brackets which are assessed?

Answer:

FTB Customers for the 2009/10 entitlement year by combined Adjusted Taxable income range at March 31 2012, including instalment, lump sum and reconciled claims.

Combined ATI	Claim Type			Total Customers
	Instalment	Lump Sum	Mix of Claim Types	
\$0 to less than \$20,000	441,000	9,900	3,000	454,000
\$20,000 to less than \$40,000	386,600	11,200	3,100	401,000
\$40,000 to less than \$60,000	331,200	16,700	3,100	351,000
\$60,000 to less than \$80,000	298,700	24,700	3,500	327,000
\$80,000 to less than \$100,000	239,400	38,200	6,100	283,700
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	139,100	35,800	5,500	180,300
\$150,000 or more ¹	4,700	1,100	100	6,000
Total Customers	1,840,800	137,600	24,500	2,003,000

1. Some families with high income can legitimately receive FTB. They include:

- customers with large families can be eligible for FTB Part A;
- customers who are entitled to an income support payment for part of the year can be eligible for FTB Part A and FTB Part B;
- customers whose personal circumstances change during the year (e.g. customers with new partners who were eligible for FTB as a single person but are ineligible when partnered due to increased income) can be eligible for FTB Part A and FTB Part B.

Certain groups of customers are free of the FTB Part A or FTB Part B income tests:

- Child Disability Allowance (CDA) recipients are eligible for FTB Part A due to CDA savings provisions originally introduced in 1993. CDA was not asset or income tested and CDA qualifications also entitled families to a minimum amount of Family Allowance free of any means test prior to January 1993.
- blind Disability Support Pensioners receive their income support payment and FTB Part A free of income testing in accordance with existing legislation.
- customers who are entitled to an income support payment are not subject to the FTB-A income test or the FTB-B primary earner income test. Certain payments, such as superannuation lump sums, are included in adjusted taxable income but do not necessarily preclude customers from receiving income support.

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FTB Customers for the 2009/10 entitlement year by Customer age as at 31 March 2012, including instalment, lump sum and reconciled claims.

Age (Customer)	Claim Type			Total Customers
	Instalment	Lump Sum	Mix of Claim Types	
20 years and below	25,200	900	200	26,300
21 to 30 years	341,800	15,000	5,000	361,800
31 to 40 years	755,900	56,900	10,800	823,700
41 to 50 years	580,400	52,000	7,100	639,600
51 to 60 years	121,400	11,700	1,300	134,400
61 years and over	16,100	1,100	100	17,300
Total Customers	1,840,800	137,600	24,500	2,003,000

FTB Children for the 2009/10 entitlement year by age of child as at 31 March 2012, including instalment, lump sum and reconciled claims.

Age (Child)	Claim Type			Total Children
	Instalment	Lump Sum	Mix of Claim Types	
0 to 4 years	1,075,100	69,200	14,400	1,158,700
5 to 12 years	1,569,700	95,200	18,100	1,683,000
13 to 15 years	580,300	41,300	6,500	628,100
16 to 19 years	383,400	36,600	5,900	425,800
20 years and over	46,700	5,400	900	53,100
Total Children	3,655,200	247,800	45,800	3,948,700