

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Child Dental Benefits Schedule - Family Tax Benefit A

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Question:

I would like to know how many families, through the changes to Family Tax Benefit A, will no longer be eligible.

Answer:

Family Tax Benefit Part A is managed by the Department of Social Services (DSS).

DSS has provided the following advice on the number of children impacted through changes to FTB Part A.

1. In the 2014-15 Budget a number of measures affected FTB Part A, and in 2015-16 an estimated 48,200 children may lose eligibility to the CDBS.
2. In the 2015-16 Budget, two measures may result in an estimated 61,000 children losing eligibility to the CDBS in 2016-17.

It should be noted that CDBS is a calendar year programme, with eligibility determined at the start of the calendar year. Once a child is deemed eligible, he/she remains eligible for the entire calendar year regardless of subsequent FTB Part A eligibility changes in that year.