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Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit

Question No: SQ15-000734

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

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Senator Seselja, Zed asked:

Are you able to give me some numbers going back in 2008-09, I think there were some cuts to the family tax benefit. What were the cuts in 2008-09?

Answer:

The table below shows the savings measures relating to family tax benefit in the 2008-09 Budget. This information is available in the 2008-09 Budget Measures, Budget Paper No. 2 on pages 370-372 and 390.

2008-09 Budget Measures	2008-09 (\$m)	2009-10 (\$m)	2010-11 (\$m)	2011-12 (\$m)
<i>Responsible economic management</i> – Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – \$150,000 income test on primary earner for FTB-B	- 112.8	- 132.4	- 141.2	- 158.0
<i>Responsible economic management</i> – Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – continuous adjustment to reduce over-payments of Family Tax Benefit	1.7	- 14.3	- 0.5	0.6
<i>Responsible economic management</i> – Better targeting and delivery of Family Tax Benefit – streamlining administration	- 19.8	- 25.0	- 27.9	- 28.5
<i>Responsible economic management</i> – Family Tax Benefit – cease fortnightly payments for recipients who do not lodge tax returns	13.3	121.1	- 115.5	- 137.6