

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Families and children

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part B. Does the department collect data on the age of children on FTB Part B? If so, can the department please provide the latest data on the age of children on FTB Part B? Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of FTB Part B.

Answer:

The following table shows the number of customers receiving FTB Part B by fortnightly instalment by state, as at 25 October 2013 broken down by state.

State	Number of FTB Part B customers
New South Wales	425,915
Victoria	329,610
Queensland	289,656
Western Australia	129,281
South Australia	100,720
Tasmania	35,007
Northern Territory	16,573
Australian Capital Territory	15,286
Unknown	970
Total	1,343,018

Note: The data used in this table is point in time and for instalment customers only.

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The following table shows the number of FTB Part B children as at 25 October 2013.

Age of child	Number of FTB Part B children
0	142,658
1	168,887
2	166,256
3	171,534
4	170,850
5	164,241
6	161,993
7	153,113
8	144,380
9	136,343
10	134,499
11	132,320
12	131,765
13	131,663
14	130,076
15	127,658
16	105,347
17	89,899
18	21,289
Total	2,584,771

Notes:

- An FTB Part B child is a child for which the family is receiving FTB Part B.
- The above table shows only the number of FTB Part B children.
- The data used in this table is point in time and for instalment customers only.

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According to the Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook, published on 5 August 2013, the estimated costs of FTB Part B over the forward estimates are as follows:

Family Tax Benefit Part B	Estimated Gross Expenditure			
Financial year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
\$million	\$4,653.978	\$4,727.511	\$4,809.872	\$4,932.967