

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 328

Topic: Family Tax Benefit - freeze payment rates

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Has any work been done on the increasing disparity between the rising cost of living and the impact of freezing payment rates for these families, given the increasing loss of value of their payments? If not why not?

Answer:

No. FTB is only one component of total family income. Expenditure patterns, living costs and family circumstances vary amongst the wide range of families who receive FTB payments.