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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: 1.9 Income Support for Carers

Question No: SQ15-000950

Topic: Grandparent carers

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Senator Dean Smith asked:

How many grandparent carers are in receipt of formal payments?

Answer:

In the 2013-14 entitlement year, there were around 20,000* Family Tax Benefit (FTB) customers who self-reported as grandparent carers.

**Note: This is the most recent full-year data available and includes all grandparent carers who had eligibility for FTB at any point in the year - even for a single day. Families have up to one year after the end of an entitlement year to claim FTB. Final eligibility is not determined until they have lodged a tax return or informed the Department of Human Services that they are not required to lodge. As the lodgement of FTB claims for the 2014-15 entitlement year continues, data from the 2014-15 entitlement year is not complete at this point in time.*