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Outcome Number: 1.1 Family Tax Benefit

Question No: SQ15-000980

Topic: FTB Debt

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What percentage of the people with an FTB debt still have a debt after reconciliation and their tax return?

Do you have any data on the volumes of those debts in terms of what an average debt is?

Answer:

For the 2012-13 entitlement year; 2,017,314 Family Tax Benefit (FTB) customers have been reconciled. Of these 487,730 were deemed to be overpaid. Of these 33 percent (161,817) still had a debt remaining after reconciliation and recoveries from their tax returns. This represents 8 per cent of the FTB population. The average debt value was \$1,860.

Since reconciliation for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 entitlement years are not complete, data for the 2012-13 entitlement year is the most up to date. Data is at June 2015.