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Topic: Schoolkids Bonus

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

Do you have any figures with respect to how many people who would fall under the SEAM program are eligible to receive the Schoolkids Bonus?

Answer:

This answer counts FTB Part A customers only who were eligible at 28 September 2012 and who have children of school going age i.e. between 4 and 18 years old.

There are approximately 1,400 people who live in the SEAM program locations that would potentially be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus. Of this number, only a portion will be affected by SEAM, as the measure only impacts people who have children with a high number of unauthorised absences from school.

The SEAM locations used in this answer are the Northern Territory communities of Hermannsburg, Katherine, Katherine town camps, Wallace Rockhole, Wadeye and Tiwi Islands.

As part of the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package, a new model of SEAM will be gradually rolled out over the next two years into 22 communities in the Northern Territory with low levels of school attendance, poor educational outcomes and high welfare dependence.