Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 1 to 4 June 2004

Question: Bud 41

Topic: Family Tax Benefit Supplement

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Senator Collins asked:

Excluding the \$600 family tax benefit supplement, how many families will have an increased rate of fortnightly payment as a result of the taper change?

Mr Tune—I do not think I have that information for you.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Would you take that on notice?

Mr Tune—Certainly.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What is the average fortnightly increase in family tax A that will occur as a result of the taper changes for family tax benefit A?

Mr Tune—I will have to take that on notice also.

Answer:

The FTB Part A taper change is estimated to have lead to increased payments for approximately 349,000 families.

The average increase in payment is estimated at \$38 per fortnight per family.