

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

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**Question: HS 33**

**Outcome 1, Output 2**

**Topic: Child Support Agency - Resident parents affected by the changes to the maximum child support income cap**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Hansard F&PA 133**

**SENATOR Brown** asked the Minister for Human Services, upon notice:

Senator CAROL BROWN—Under the new cap—I am not sure if you can give me this information now but I will try—how many resident parent clients will have their fortnightly child support payments reduced by less than \$10 per fortnight?

Ms Bird—I cannot give you a precise figure. We have done an analysis, but I do not have that here. I could provide that on notice.

Senator CAROL BROWN—Thank you. I am looking for less than \$10 per fortnight; more than \$10 but less than \$20 per fortnight; more than \$20 but less than \$50 per fortnight; more than \$50 but less than \$100 per fortnight; and then more than \$100 per fortnight.

Senator MOORE—Ms Bird, is that the kind of analysis you have done?

Ms Bird—The analysis was not to those particular categories. We would be able to provide relatively quickly the analysis that we have already undertaken. I would have to determine how quickly we could do this analysis.

Senator CAROL BROWN—What categories have you already done an analysis in?

Ms Bird—They were not in such narrow bands and we were looking at it more on an annual basis. They were in higher bands.

Senator MOORE—In case that degree of definition can be obtained quickly, can we put on notice that we would like your preliminary analysis as quickly as possible, and that may lead to further questions. If we can leave that request on notice just in case it can be obtained.

**Answer:**

The Child Support Agency is unable to provide this information. The question should be asked of the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour at an estimated cost of \$63.