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Subject: RE: Average household income
Date: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 9:48:00 am
Attachments: [RE Cab paper feedback- for action.msg](#)

Hi Emma,

The maximum an average income household **without children** can gain is 2 x the highest individual gain of \$51 per fortnight (so \$102 per fortnight for the couple). The maximum that can be gained by an individual without children are those who earn above \$53,500 (so they gain from the two lowest personal income tax threshold changes) and below \$66,000 (so they are newly eligible for the IETC, before it begins abating). This is a larger gain than those who earn above \$78,100, who gain from all three personal income tax thresholds changes but are not eligible for IETC - which is a gain of \$40 per fortnight.

Therefore, in answer to your question, there is **no split of income that would give the household more** than \$102 per fortnight if they have no children – we assume it to be split 50/50 as this meets the above criteria for highest-gaining individuals.

The number of children they have will make an impact. Without taking FamilyBoost into account, if the family have 4 or more children, their family will be eligible for IWTC – a larger gain (\$50 per fortnight) than two new IETC eligibilities (2 x \$20 per fortnight). They would be eligible to gain in total \$112 per fortnight from PIT and IWTC changes. Please note, this figure has been checked with analysts and matches the calculator but has not gone through the Treasury's formal QA and sign-out process.

Of course, if some of those children were in ECE and enough was being spent, they could also be eligible for an additional \$150 per fortnight in FamilyBoost credits.

If the family have 3 or less children and no ECE costs, \$102 per fortnight will be the maximum.

Thank you

Claire

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Subject: Average household income

Hi all

We have been using the example of average household income of \$126,411 and saying **TAX RELIEF THAT GIVES AVERAGE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WITH TWO CHILDREN UP TO \$102**

PER FORTNIGHT PLUS FAMILYBOOST CHILDCARE PAYMENTS OF UP TO \$150.

IS THERE ANY SPLIT OF THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT WOULD GIVE A GREATER AMOUNT OF RELIEF THAN THE \$102 A FORTNIGHT.

THANKS

SORRY ABOUT THE CAPS I CAN'T TURN IT OFF.

EMMA
