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Kia ora Emma and Grant

The number of households worse-off due to the part-year beneficiary issue in the tax package **reduced from 9,000 to 5,000** following the update of the TAWA model in mid-April. Our recent TR on the interaction between IETC and WFF changes (T2024/1356) quoted the old 9,000 households figure and mistakenly did not mention the updated figure.

To be clear, this is what our updated analysis says:

A small number of households that receive main benefit income for part of the year will have reduced income from the package overall (**5,000** or **<1%** of all households) by \$1 per week on average. This is due to an unintended interaction with the personal income tax threshold adjustments and the way part-year benefit payments are calculated.

Happy to chat

Cheers

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