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[36]   9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege

[37]   9(2)(i) - to enable the Crown to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage or prejudice

[38]   9(2)(j) - to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice

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Hi Emma,

I think there might be a bit of confusion with the term "PIT only".

The 81% figure is the number of individuals in the entire population who would **still benefit if only the PIT changes were done** – because some of their gain is from PIT. (83% of individuals gain in total, which means 2% of the population will only be a gaining individual because they are in a family which receives IWTC or FB).

I understood you were looking for the number of people whose **gain from the tax changes are only from PIT** (because they don't gain from IETC/IWTC/FB), which we don't currently have. It would require q a bit of work to isolate those populations.

Thanks

Claire

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Thaks Jean – this is 81% of the 4.267 million individuals population? Does it include the IETC part as well?

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Subject: Percentage of people getting PIT changes only

Hi Emma

Following your request, we can tell you that 81% of individuals aged 15 and over would benefit from PIT only using our distributional analysis from Tax year 27.

Cheers

Jean