



Findings five years on from the Families Package

333,000
families were,
on average,
\$55 per week
better off



in the year following the
Families Package

Main
benefit rates
have increased by
\$65 to \$87 per week,
per adult, since 2020



In winter 2022,
couples with
children
supported by MSD were,
on average,
\$274 per week
better off compared to 2017



Weekly incomes
after housing
costs are now,
on average,
43% higher
in real terms than in 2018,
for people supported by main benefit



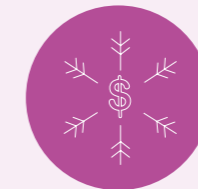
Best Start
is being taken up by
families of
97% of eligible
children



Around
1.2 million adults
are receiving the Winter
Energy Payment each year



The Winter
Energy Payment
has reduced
need for hardship
assistance,
and improved other outcomes



Accommodation
Supplement
payments
increased by \$24
per week on average
immediately after the
Families Package



21,900
fewer children
experiencing
material hardship
in 2020/21 than in 2017/18



26,700
fewer children
living in before
housing cost poverty
in 2020/21 than in 2017/18



66,500
fewer children
living in after
housing cost poverty
in 2020/21 than in 2017/18



Income adequacy
for people
supported by MSD
has improved,
but there is still more
work to do

