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**Table: Number of claimants for the children's active income tax credits:**

<b>Tax year</b>	<b>Number of claimants</b>	<b>Value of credit/rebate claimed (\$m)</b>
<b>2006</b>	60,400	8.7
<b>2007</b>	74,800	20.7
<b>2008</b>	92,100	26.5
<b>2009</b>	82,500	22.2
<b>2010</b>	69,300	16.6

*Note:* for the year ended 31 March 2010, the number in the table is slightly higher than the 68,600 tax credit recipients reported in the publications released on Budget day. This is because more returns were filed claiming the tax credit between the time the figures were prepared for the Budget and the release. It is not expected that this number will change significantly beyond the current level as the vast majority of returns have been received, although there may be a small number outstanding.