

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

- a) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- b) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:

- a) The department does not record employee eligibility to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme, the Family Assistance Office determines eligibility. Human Resources systems record the numbers of employees who apply for and have such payments approved.
- b) For this financial year to date (i.e. 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011) the department has provided 394 employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.