

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Bernardi asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 60

Question

Parenting Payment

Senator BERNARDI: Can you tell me when the department was first directed to undertake work on modelling changes to eligibility for grand-fathered recipients of parenting payment? Ms Paul: We model potential changes on an ongoing basis, actually. I know that the modelling on these sorts of things has happened in successive budget contexts, for example. It would have been this year, it would have been in the budget context. We would have to probably take on notice what the dates were and we are happy to do so.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) considers potential changes to the income support system on an ongoing basis.

Changes from 1 January 2013 to the eligibility of grandfathered Parenting Payment recipients were modelled in April 2012 in the context of the 2012-13 Budget, building on modelling undertaken in 2011 for the 2011-12 Budget.