

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Cross Portfolio

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Question

Paid Parental Leave - financial year to date

Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 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 and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

Answer

The Government's Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme is administered by the Family Assistance Office (FAO) who assess employee eligibility to receive payments. DEEWR (and its Portfolio Agencies) only become aware of an employee's eligibility once it has been determined by the FAO and advice is received to commence payments. Employees can elect to have their payment made directly by the FAO or via the HR payroll system.

The following figures are those employees who have elected to have their payment through the HR payroll system. We are unable to identify employees paid directly by the FAO.

For the 2012-13 financial year to date, DEEWR has provided parental leave payments to 73 employees; Comcare to 11 employees; Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) to 13 employees; Fair Work Building and Construction (FWBC) to one (1) employee; Safe Work Australia (SWA) to two (2) employees; Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to one (1) employee; and the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) to one (1) employee.

The classification level of each employee is:

Classification	DEEWR	Comcare	FWO	FWBC	SWA	ACARA	AITSL
APS2		1					
APS3			1				
APS4	5	5	5				
APS5	15	1	3				1
APS6	15	2	1		1	1	
EL1	27	1	2	1			
EL2	4	1	1		1		
Principal Government Lawyer (EL2)	6						
Senior Government Lawyer (EL1)	1						
TOTAL	73	11	13	1	2	1	1