



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Improvements for Families and Gender Equality) Bill 2022**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Monday 20 February 2023**

**Parliament House**  
**Committee Room 2S3, Canberra**

Time	Witness
11.00 am	<b>Australian Council of Trade Unions</b> ( <i>Submission 16</i> ) Ms Sascha Peldova-McClelland, Senior Legal & Industrial Officer - via videoconference  <b>Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association</b> ( <i>Submission 10</i> ) Ms Katie Biddlestone, National Women's Officer - via videoconference
11.40 am	<b>Workplace Gender Equality Agency</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> ) Ms Mary Wooldridge, Director - via videoconference Ms Samone McCurdy, Executive Manager - via videoconference  <b>KPMG</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) Ms Alison Kitchen, Australian Chairman - via videoconference
12.40 pm	<b>Lunch break</b>
1.10 pm	<b>Parents At Work &amp; Advancing Parental Leave Equality Network</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> ) Ms Emma Walsh, Chief Executive Officer - via videoconference  <b>The Parenthood</b> ( <i>Submission 15</i> ) Ms Georgie Dent, Chief Executive Officer - via videoconference  <b>Northern Territory Working Women's Centre</b> ( <i>Submission 18</i> ) Ms Nicki Petrou, Director - via videoconference Ms Sarah-Jane Hunt, Industrial Liaison Officer  <b>Dr Leonora Risse, Private capacity - via videoconference</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> )  <b>Diversity Council Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 23</i> ) Ms Lisa Annese, Chief Executive Officer - via videoconference Ms Catherine Brown, Director of Communications and Advocacy - via videoconference
2.10 pm	<b>via videoconference:</b> <b>Department of Social Services</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> ) Ms Jo Evans, A/g Deputy Secretary Social Security Ms Agnieszka Nelson, Branch Manager Families and Payment Support Branch Mr Paul Dowling, Director Families and Payment Support Branch

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<b><i>3.00 pm</i></b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>
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