

As requested last night, the information on Paid Parental Leave to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs is provided below...

Paid Parental Leave, Baby Bonus and stillbirths

The Chair of the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee requested clarification about the circumstances in which Paid Parental Leave or Baby Bonus may be paid for a stillborn child.

A mother who meets the eligibility criteria for Paid Parental Leave or Baby Bonus will be entitled to the full payment if her child is stillborn.

The definition of a stillborn child that is proposed for Paid Parental Leave is the same as has applied to the Baby Bonus since its introduction.

As part of the claims process in cases of stillbirth, a doctor or midwife is required to expressly certify that a stillborn child has been delivered.

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