

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics****ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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**Question:** BR56  
**Topic:** Paid Parental Leave  
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**Senator Bushby asked:**

1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Governments Paid Parental Leave scheme?
2. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Governments Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

**Answer:**

1. Eligibility to receive the Government's Paid Parental Leave is determined by Centrelink, based on a range of confidential information provided to Centrelink by the employee. The Department does not have access to this information.
2. For the 2011-12 financial year, staff members who have received payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme are as follows:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of Staff</b>
<b>Department</b>	APS 5	1
	APS6	2
	EL1	6
	EL2 (and equivalent)	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Tourism Australia</b>	Band 3	4
	Band 5	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Geoscience Australia</b>	APS 4	1
	APS 5	1
	APS 6	1
	EL1-2	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>