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## **Media release**

### **PBO DECLINES TO CONFIRM COSTING ATTRIBUTED TO COALITION POLICY**

The Parliamentary Budget Officer, Mr Phil Bowen, today said that the costing attributed to the Coalition's paid parental leave scheme as reported in the Australian Financial Review (AFR) this morning was not from any costing prepared by the PBO for the Coalition.

“The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has prepared a number of costings in this policy area for different parliamentarians. The source of the figures attributed to the Coalition has not been revealed by the AFR.

“The PBO will only confirm costings that have been publicly released by the political party or parliamentarian for whom the costing was prepared,” Mr Bowen emphasised.

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