

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Question:

- a. What is the total cost of building the paid parental leave scheme?
- b. How many Centrelink staff will work on the PPL scheme?
- c. What are the costs of shutting down costs for the Paid Parental Leave payment scheme?
- d. What are the expected redundancy costs for the shut down of the PPL scheme?
- e. How much has been / will be spent on training staff to operate the Paid Parental Leave payment scheme until June 30?

Answer:

- a. Departmental costs associated with the Paid Parental Leave scheme were set out in the 2009-10 Budget (Budget Paper No. 2).
- b. For the six financial years from 2008-09 until the end of 2013-14, a total of 778 Centrelink Average Staffing Level will have worked on the Paid Parental Leave scheme. This includes staff associated with the design, build and implementation of the scheme, as well as ongoing service delivery.
- c. and d. As the Paid Parental Leave scheme is not shutting down, there are no costs incurred as a result of the scheme shutting down.
- e. \$2.921 million in the 2010-11 financial year.