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Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Moore asked:

Where are negotiations with the state government up to? Have agreement been reached on the state's contributions to the schemes? Have any agreements with states been signed? Has there been any progress at all? Is the Department still working to a July 2015 date of commencement of the scheme?

Answer:

At the COAG meeting on 13 December 2013 jurisdictions agreed that State public sector employees would be covered by the new scheme.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Treasury have been negotiating funding arrangements for the new Paid Parental Leave scheme with State and Territory governments.

The Department is working towards implementing the scheme by 1 July 2015.