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Outcome Number: 2.2 Paid Parental Leave

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Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

Now that the scheme has been dumped in its current form, is the Department doing any work on Paid Parental Leave as part of the new 'holistic families package'. If not, when did the department stop working on a new paid parental leave scheme? Will Paid Parental Leave form a part of the government's holistic families package, or will it involve only child care?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services provides ongoing advice to Government on the operation of Paid Parental Leave arrangements. The Department stopped working on the formerly proposed Paid Parental Leave scheme on 2 February 2015. The content of the families package announced by the Prime Minister will be a decision for the Government.