

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.2 Paid Parental Leave**

**Question No: SQ15-000675**

**Topic: Paid Parental Leave**

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**Senator Collins, Jacinta** asked:

The 47 per cent of parents of a child who claim PPL, how does that compare to our understanding of overall labour force participation?

**Answer:**

In 2012, the labour force participation rate of women aged 25 to 34 years (prime childbearing age) in Australia was 73.9 per cent. [Figures from the OECD online labour force statistics, cited in the PPL Evaluation: Final Report, Institute for Social Science Research, released 8 March 2015 (page 29)].