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Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

What were the number of times and the cost of consultation with state governments and other stakeholders in terms of the development of the scheme prior to 31 January 2015.

Answer:

The Department, in collaboration with other Commonwealth Government agencies, including the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Employment, Department of Human Services and the Treasury, undertook consultations on the proposed 26-week Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme from January to November 2014. Consultations were undertaken with around 70 organisations, including state and territory governments, small and large businesses, not-for-profit organisations, superannuation funds, peak bodies, and women and rural organisations.

The majority of consultations were conducted via teleconference. It is not possible to quantify the overall costs of consultations.