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Outcome Number: 2.2 Paid Parental Leave

Question No: SQ15-000717

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

Have you worked out, in terms of the save, what would be the average that a woman would lose?

Answer:

The estimated 45,000 women expected to receive a partial Paid Parental Leave (PPL) payment will receive around \$4,300 less on average than under current arrangements. It is estimated that 34,000 mothers, the majority of whom work for the state or federal government or in medium to large private enterprises, will no longer receive PPL because they will receive more than the maximum value of PPL (\$11,539 as at 2014-15) from their employer.

This calculation of the average loss in PPL does not take account of the reduced tax that PPL recipients are likely to pay as a result of receiving less PPL. The calculation also does not take account of any increases in other social security payments, such as family payments, a PPL recipient may receive due to a reduction in income.