

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Question:

- a) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- b) For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.
- c) For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:

- a) All employees with more than 12 months service who earn less than \$150,000 per annum and are the primary care giver of the child are eligible to receive payment under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- b) See response to HS 4, Budget Estimates, 2 June 2011.
- c) The Department of Human Services and its portfolio agencies became one Department of State on 1 July 2011. The number of eligible employees who have or are currently receiving payment under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme in 2011-12 (as at 4 November 2011) is 260.