

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 353

**Topic:** Paid Parental Leave

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

I refer to the following exchange, on page 99 of the Hansard:

**Senator Moore:** Minister, does the government still intend to introduce the PPL legislation to the parliament this year?

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells:** We have indicated that we would introduce a Paid Parental Leave scheme from 1 July-

**Senator Moore:** 2015?

**Senator Fierravanti-Wells:** 2015. Policy and legislation for the new scheme is being developed. There have been consultations undertaken and in due course the outcomes of those consultations will be submitted to the government. It will be a matter for the government to decide whether that information is released and, as has been indicated to you, the final costs will be determined once the policy and implementations have been agreed by the government.

The Government has previously committed to introducing legislation this calendar year. Will legislation be introduced into the Parliament this calendar year?

**Answer:**

The Department is preparing draft legislation for the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme.

The timeline for release of the legislation and the process for consultation on the legislation will be a decision of the Government.