Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: BET 1167-1168

Topic: Paid parental leave (ATO)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1167. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?

1168. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:

1167. All employees who are the primary carer of a newborn or recently adopted child, and have more than 12 months of service with a taxable income less than \$150,000 per annum are eligible to receive payment under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme.

Given the broad eligibility for the parental leave scheme, the definitive number of eligible staff cannot be identified.

- 1168. For the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012, a total of 302 eligible employees received payments:
 - 209 eligible employees both commenced and finished receiving paid parental leave payments in the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012
 - 93 eligible employees commenced receiving paid parental leave payments in the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 and were still receiving payments as at 31 May 2012.

Classification	Eligible employees who commenced and finished receiving Paid Parental Leave payments by 31 May 2012	Eligible employees who commenced and were receiving Paid Parental Leave payments at 31 May 2012	Total eligible employees Paid Parental Leave payments 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012
VALUER 2	0	1	1
APS1	3	0	3
APS2	8	4	12
APS3	32	22	54
APS4	28	5	33
APS5	26	10	36
APS6	53	21	74
EL1	43	23	66
EL2.1	14	4	18
EL2.2	2	3	5
Total	209	93	302