Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

Senator: RYAN

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Question:

- a. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- b. 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.
- c. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency. How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.

Answer:

- a. The ANAO does not determine eligibility for payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme. The eligibility is determined by the Family Assistance Office.
- b. The ANAO is paying Paid Parental Leave to eligible staff when the Family Assistance Office advises that payments are due. For this financial year to date, the ANAO has paid the following staff Paid Parental Leave:

1 x APS 3 2 x APS 6 2 x EL 1 1 x EL 2

c. The Paid Parental Leave Scheme is a Government funded scheme which provides funds to employers to provide Parental Leave Pay to their eligible employees. This financial year to date, the ANAO has paid six (6) staff members.