Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

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Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Ouestion:

- 1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- 2. Please 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. What classification are these staff?

Answer:

- 1. Australian Government employees are eligible for Parental Leave Pay if they are the primary carer of a newborn or recently-adopted child and meet the payment's residency requirements and income limits. On that basis, the answer to this question is provided under (2) below.
- 2. At present we have one Executive Level 1 staff member registered to receive Parental Leave.