

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 86**

**Topic:** Paid Parental Leave

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**Senator Cash** asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of the duration of leave taken by PPL recipients in 2011-12?

**Answer:**

The Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs does not collect data on the duration of leave taken by Parental Leave Pay recipients.

The average duration of receipt of Paid Parental Leave is 17.92 weeks. This indicates only the minimum time away from work of PPL recipients, on average, and is not indicative of total time away from work when other entitlements are also taken.