

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

Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System

Question No: SQ15-000217

Topic: Child Care

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

On 3 February 2015, the Prime Minister said:

"Yes, we will be picking up on some of the work of the Productivity Commission and, yes, money that might under different circumstances have been invested in a bigger, better paid parental leave scheme will be invested in childcare."

[see: <http://www.pm.gov.au/media/2015-02-03/joint-doorstop-interview-sydney>]

- 1) Was the Prime Minister referring to his proposed PPL levy when he said "money that might under different circumstances have been invested in a bigger, better paid parental leave scheme"? If not, what "money" was he referring to?
- 2) Does this statement still reflect the Government's policy? If not, what has changed, when did that change occur, and what public statements from the Prime Minister and/or the Minister reflect that change?
- 3) The Minister has recently been quoted a number of times as saying the proposed PPL levy revenue is 'not transportable' to child care. How does the Minister reconcile this statement with the Prime Minister's promise that "money that might under different circumstances have been invested in a bigger, better paid parental leave scheme will be invested in childcare"? Has the Minister overruled or ignored the Prime Minister's promise?

Answer:

This is a question for the Minister.