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Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Brown asked:

In relation to Paid Parental Leave, where are negotiations with the state government up to? Have agreement been reached on the state's contributions to the schemes?

- a. Have any agreements with states been signed?
- b. Has there been any progress at all?

Answer:

Negotiations on State and Territory Government contributions to the Paid Parental Leave scheme are in progress. No agreements have been signed.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has issued 2 communiqués referencing progress on discussion on Paid Parental Leave. The communiqués were released following the 36th COAG meeting on 13 December 2013 and the 37th COAG meeting on 2 May 2014.

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