Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Senator Brown asked:

On 24 February this year, Joe Hockey told 2GB radio that women who receive PPL will "have to return to work. When you see the legislation it will be clear, there will be a form of obligation".

a. Can the Department explain what obligation will be part of the new scheme? How will it be administered? Has the Department had further discussions with the Treasurer or the Treasury Department on the proposed obligation requirements?

Answer:

Final arrangements under the new Paid Parental Leave scheme are under consideration and will be a decision of the Government.