

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 346**

**Topic:** Families and children

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**Senator Moore** asked:

"Please provide the latest number of people, by state in receipt of Parental Leave Payments. Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of Parental Leave Payments. "

**Answer:**

The following table provides a breakdown by state of the number of Parental Leave Pay recipients who started receiving payment in the 2013-14 financial year to 30 September 2013.

<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Parental Leave Pay recipients in 2013-14</b>
ACT	1,000
NSW	12,500
NT	400
QLD	7,700
SA	2,600
TAS	700
VIC	10,000
WA	3,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,500*</b>

\* Please note that recipient numbers have been rounded to the nearest 100. Individual figures may not add up to the total figure due to rounding.

The following table provides the current budgeted expenses for Parental Leave Pay, noting that the Government has committed to introduce a new scheme from 1 July 2015.

	<b>2013-14 Budget \$'000</b>	<b>2014-15 Forward year 1 \$'000</b>	<b>2015-16 Forward year 2 \$'000</b>	<b>2016-17 Forward year 3 \$'000</b>
Parental Leave Pay	1,579,588	1,794,730	1,869,429	1,954,405