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Outcome Number: 2.2 Paid Parental Leave

Question No: SQ16-000353

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

- a) What are the revised numbers of people that will have their PPL cut or reduced each year as a result of the changes? What is their median income?
- b) How many of these will lose PPL? What is their median income?
- c) How many will have their PPL reduced? What is their median income?
- d) What is the latest number of claimants who have claimed the scheme since it was introduced, by State and electorate?
- e) How many people claimed PPL in 2015-16 by state and electorate?

Answer:

(a) – (c)

The figures in the table below are based on the changes proposed in the Fairer Paid Parental Leave Bill 2016, which is currently before Parliament.

The estimated median incomes in the table have been indexed to the 2015-16 financial year.

Effect on PPL entitlement	Estimated number of people affected	Estimated approximate median income
No change	90,000	\$43,000
Eligible for reduced number of weeks of PPL	72,000	\$62,000
No longer eligible for PPL	7,000	\$69,000

d) There are two payments available under the existing Paid Parental Leave (PPL) scheme. These are Parental Leave Pay (PLP) and Dad and Partner Pay (DAPP).

PLP recipients by state/territory:

The following table shows the state/territory breakdown of all PLP recipients who have received the payment from the commencement of the scheme on 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2016.

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The state/territory reported reflects the state/territory the recipient was known to reside in at the time of payment. This count includes returnee recipients (those who received payment for subsequent children). Please note the percentages may not add to 100 per cent due to rounding.

State	Number of recipients	Percentage
ACT	17,966	2%
NSW	250,278	32%
NT	7,415	1%
QLD	152,827	20%
SA	52,327	7%
TAS	15,032	2%
VIC	201,146	26%
WA	79,181	10%
Unknown	859	0%
Grand Total	777,031	100%

PLP recipients by electorate are provided in **Attachment A**.

e) PLP claimants by state/territory (2015-16):

Data in the following table show Parental Leave Pay (PLP) recipients who started receiving payment in the 2015-16 financial year. The state/territory reported reflects the state/territory the recipient was known to reside in at the time of payment. Please note the percentages may not add to 100 per cent due to rounding.

State	Number of recipients	Percentage
ACT	3,947	2%
NSW	54,343	32%
NT	1,695	1%
QLD	33,115	19%
SA	11,337	7%
TAS	3,261	2%
VIC	44,862	26%
WA	17,913	11%
Unknown	28	0%
Grand Total	170,501	100%

PLP recipients in 2015-16 by electorate are provided in **Attachment B**.