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Question:

Senator WONG: As at June last year, you had already had seven senior officials meetings: October 2013, November 2013, December 2013, March 2014, March 2014, April 2014 and June 2014. In relation to PPL, how many subsequent meetings were there?

Ms Cross: Again, I would have to check that, because there was a point in time where we took the negotiations with the states to the point where they said, 'We can't negotiate further until we see the legislation'. At that point, because the legislation had not been introduced or released, we left the matter as something to come back to with the states once the legislation had been drafted.

Answer:

Paid parental leave was last discussed at the senior officials meeting on 22 August 2014.