

Senate Standing Committee on Economics**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question: SR55
Topic: Paid Parental Leave
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Senator Bushby asked:

1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.
3. For 2011-12 to date which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

Answer:***The Department***

1. Eligibility to receive Paid Parental Leave is determined by Centrelink based on a range of confidential information provided to Centrelink by the employee, which the Department does not have access to.
2. Paid Parental Leave payments currently provided by the Department:

Classification	Number of Positions:
APS6	1
EL1	4
EL2 (and equivalent)	3
TOTAL	8

3. Paid Parental Leave payments provided by the Department for 2011-12 financial year:

Classification	Number of Positions:
APS5	1
APS6	1
EL1	7
EL2 (and equivalent)	4
TOTAL	12

Australian Renewable Energy Agency

Not applicable for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). Questions relating to the 2011-12 financial year are not applicable because ARENA was established on 1 July 2012.

Geoscience Australia

1. Eligibility to receive Paid Parental Leave is determined by Centrelink based on a range of confidential information provided to Centrelink by the employee, which the Department does not have access to.
2. Paid Parental Leave payments currently provided by Geoscience Australia (GA):

Classification	Number of Positions:
EL1	4
APS6	1
APS5	1
TOTAL	6

3. Paid Parental Leave payments provided by GA for 2011-12 financial year:

Classification	Number of Positions:
EL1	2
APS6	1
APS5	1
APS4	1
TOTAL	5

Tourism Australia

1. Eligibility to receive Paid Parental Leave is determined by Centrelink based on a range of confidential information provided to Centrelink by the employee, which the Department does not have access to. As at 6 November 2012 Tourism Australia employed 107 staff who were permanent residents of Australia and were paid a salary of less than \$150,000.
2. In the 2012-13 financial year to date two Band 3 staff have received, or are in receipt of, payments from the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.
3. In the 2011-12 financial year four staff received payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme – one Band 5 employee and four Band 3 employees.

National Offshore Petroleum Safety & Environmental Management Authority

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Australian Solar Institute

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