

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

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Question

Paid Parental Leave

"Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 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 are in receipt of these payments."

Answer

All employees with more than 12 months service who earn less than \$150,000 per annum and are the primary care giver of the child are eligible to receive payment under the government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme. The Family Assistance Office (FAO) is responsible for determining eligibility to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.

For the 2011/12 financial year to date, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided 31 employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.

In the 2011/12 financial year to date, the following portfolio agencies have provided their employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.

Portfolio Agency	Number of employees receiving payments
Fair Work Ombudsman	9
Comcare	7
Fair Work Australia	4
Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner	4