Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM0501_14

Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

WGEA - Paid Parental Scheme

Does the Agency believe that the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme will assist in closing the gender pay gap?

Answer

In line with paragraph 2.23 of the *Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses* before Parliamentary Committees and Related Matters – November 1989, it is not appropriate for the Workplace Gender Equality Agency to respond to this question as it is seeking an opinion.