

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Paid Parental Leave**

Question: **28**

Written **Senator Fifield**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 8 July 2011

- (a) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- (b) Please list which portfolio department and agencies are 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

- (a) Eligibility for the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme is determined by the Family Assistance Office (a responsibility of the Departments of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Education, Employment and Workplace Relations).
- (b) DPS has registered to provide payments to employees through the Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme. During 2010–11, nil employees have requested receipt of these payments. One employee has requested payment to commence in 2011–12.